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Sectional Tubulous Boiler by Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox.

The sectional boiler of Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, which we illustrate, differs in so many important respects from many of those which have been put upon the market that a detailed description of them will not only be of interest to our readers, but also useful to those who have to provide power for manufacturing operations. Our first illustration represents a longitudinal vertical section of the boiler, with an external view of one of the drums. The second cut shows a partial rear elevation, with a section through tubes and brickwork. The boiler consists of a series of lap welded iron tubes, inclined at an angle, which are connected at either end by vertical connections to a cylindrical drum lying horizontally above them, the inclined tubes being always full of water; the level of which is maintained at about the center of the height of the drum. Below the tubes, at the back, and in connection with them, is a smaller drum in which the mud and sediment from the water collects. Even lime scale, washed out from the tubes by rapid circulation, is carried over and lodged here or at quiet portions of the drum.

The following are some of the results of this form of construction: That the circulation of water is thorough; anything of a sedimentary nature in the water is deposited where there is no circulation, i. e. in the mud drum. The higher ends of the tubes being subjected to the hottest part of the fire, the escape of the steam there formed, together with a part of the highly heated water, will all take place through the connections into the drums at the front end, the cooler water falling through the connecting pipes at the back, to maintain the hydrostatic level, and in this way a continuous and rapid circulation is kept up. Heretofore joints and connections have, in sectional boilers, given a great deal of trouble and annoyance. This difficulty is avoided in the following manner: The end connections are single steel castings into which the tubes are expanded, the openings opposite the tube ends being closed by plates having ground joints, metal to metal, without any organic or perishable substance whatever between. The structure as a whole is in the form of a triangle, the drums, back connecting tubes, and the inclined nest over the fire, constituting the three sides. With this general form, expansion may take place in one or two of the sides of the triangle without resulting in anything more than a slight transverse strain in the connecting tubes at the back or front far within their elastic limit, and therefore without danger of rupture or leakage, such as is found in boilers having members in the same line of strain, some of which are subjected to the direct action of the fire, while others never exceed in temperature that of the water. The expansion and contraction may, moreover, take place freely in this boiler, from the fact that the whole metallic structure constituting it is suspended from girders, resting upon cast iron columns entirely independent of the brickwork, thus avoiding all tendency to crack or strain the walls; a source of much trouble and expense with some forms of boiler, and in many cases causing considerable loss of fuel from cold air leaks through fissures in the brickwork produced in this way.

Mr. J. T. Haskins, the well known mechanical engineer, in making a report upon the construction and efficiency of the boiler, says: "The absorption and transfer of heat is well provided for in the staggering of the tubes, which causes the gases from the fire to pass nearly their whole circumference; and by placing diaphragm plates and transverse walls such as to cause them to make three distinct excursions between the tubes on their way to the chimney. That this boiler leaves as little heat to be passed away through the chimney as can be profitably done with the natural draught, was quite clearly established by the tests made upon it at the Centennial Exhibition."

He gives a summary of the results of these tests in several large tables, from which we take the following figures. He says, in introducing the tables, that "at these trials, although the indications of both the pyrometer in the flue and the thermometer in the steam drum were quite unreliable for any purpose requiring accuracy—as is, indeed, true generally of these instruments when so applied—a mean of their indications, liberally construed, was sufficient to establish that the difference of temperature between the steam and the gases in the flue, at a foot or two from the terminal gas passages of the boiler proper, was, on the forcing test—at which the consumption averaged over 15 lbs. of coal to the square foot of grate per hour—unusually small, and that the difference was proportionately less upon the economy test, at which very nearly 10 lbs. to the square foot of grate was burned. With ordinarily perfect combustion, these facts would indicate a high degree of economy; and the indications are fully borne out in the following results of the tests named above:"

The time for each of the tests was 8 hours; the heating surface, 1680 square feet; grate

surface, 45 square feet; the pressure of steam, in each case, 70 pounds.

	Normal.	Forcing.
Lbs. of coal burned.....	3,414½	5,241
Ashes.....	391	424
Kindling wood.....	391	410
Temperature of feed, Fah.....	63-97	57-79
Lbs. of water evaporated.....	82,442	43,525½
Lbs. of water per lb. of coal from at temperature of feed.....	9.136	8.7
Lbs. of water per lb. of coal from and at 212° Fah.....	10.83	9.61
Lbs. of water per lb. of combustible at temperature of feed.....	10.25	8.74
Horse-power at temperature of feed.....	135	180

has abundant opportunity to become separated from what water it may mechanically carry up into the front end of the drum—aside from the large quantities passing this way from the natural convection currents which cause the rapid circulation—and become dry before issuing at the back end, whence the steam is taken to the engine. As is shown by a comparison of the calorimeter experiments, the steam is actually dryer when the boiler is forced than when working under normal conditions, and this is no small advantage, as most boil-

exterior of the tubes may be operated upon through openings in the side walls, by blowing, brushing, or any of the well known methods of removal of the accumulation of dry dust, soot and ashes which are incidental to all boiler fire surfaces."

Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox are now erecting for the F. O. Mathieson & Weichers Sugar Refining Company, at Jersey City, 21 boilers of this kind, of some 1700 total horse-power. This firm have had boilers of 300 horse power of this kind at work for four

years. In one of the graves four skeletons were found, seated in two pairs, the knees of one pair pressing against the backs of the other. The arms were crossed. In the right hand of each individual thus interred, a large marine shell (*Buccinum perversum*, Linn.) had been so placed that the small end of the shell rested in the hand and the large end in the hollow above the left hip. Within each shell what appeared to be the bones of a child were found, whose skull had been crushed before burial, the skull protruding beyond the aperture of the shell. It is thought that these infants were sacrificed to the dead. In most of the graves the left side of the skulls of the adults appeared also to have been crushed by some blunt weapon.

The Ashtabula Bridge Disaster.

The report of the joint committee of the Ohio Legislature on the Ashtabula bridge disaster is a pamphlet of over 150 pages. We can only quote briefly. Of the defects in the construction of the bridge, the committee say:

The members composing each main brace were so constructed as to act separately instead of acting as one member, thus reducing the carrying capacity of the metal greatly below what it would have carried in safety if it had been differently disposed. There should have been diagonals riveted to each member of the brace, or other suitable arrangement to unite the members of each brace, so that the brace would have formed a truss, and have acted as one member instead of several. No provision was made to prevent lateral buckling or bending of the braces. The longer members were used in compression, and the shorter in tension. If the main braces and counters had been permanently fastened together at their intersection, which they were not, that would have added greatly to the strength of the main brace.

There was the same want of unity in the members composing the upper chord as in the main braces. No sufficient provision was made to prevent it from lateral buckling. In fact, at that point in the bridge which first gave way, both the braces and the top chord did buckle laterally. Only a part of the members composing the upper chord received the strain from the braces at each angle block or panel point, and the lugs on the top of the angle blocks, through which the strain was transmitted to the upper chord, it is believed, were insufficient for that purpose.

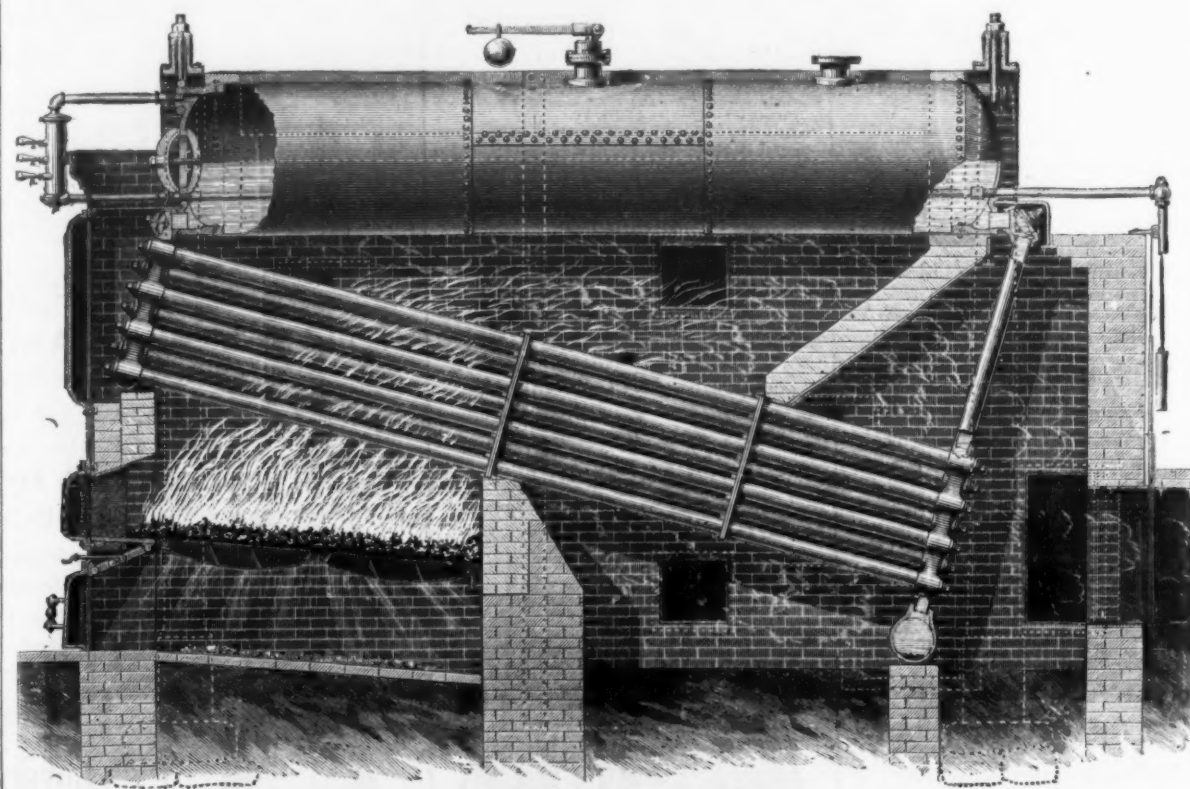
The lateral system between the lower chords was defective in this: the struts were placed at every other panel point, and the tie rods extended across two panels, and, instead of being fastened at the ends of the struts, were fastened at alternate panel points, crossing each other at the middle of the strut. The sway braces were too small and too infrequent.

The lateral system between the upper chords had the same defects as that between the lower chords, with this exception: the floor beams had small lugs united to them, and they acted as struts.

No provision was made for holding the members comprising the braces in their places on the angle blocks, and your committee find that many of them were out of place before, and at the time the bridge went down. The braces were greatly weakened by imperfect bearings, and having their ends chipped off.

A careful calculation showed that the bridge laid down under a load not greater than was liable to be thrown upon it any time in the ordinary and usual traffic over it. The south truss at the time of the accident supported only 95 per cent. of the weight of the one train on the bridge. The bridge carried a double track. It was so designed, and trains did frequently meet on the bridge. There being but two trusses when trains met, each truss must carry the entire weight of one train; and yet, with only 95 per cent. of the weight of the train on the south truss at the time of the accident, it gave way. A careful and patient calculation of the strength of the brace at the point of failure (third panel point from the west end of the south truss), and of the strain upon it under that load, shows that it had a factor of safety of only one and six-tenths, when ordinary prudence and foresight required it to have a factor of safety of five, and the upper chord from the third panel point to the center of the bridge, numbering from west end, had a factor of safety at the several panel points ranging from two to one and two-tenths instead of five.

The report of the civil engineers employed by the legislative committee, who were Messrs. B. F. Bowen, Thomas H. Johnson and John Graham, of Columbus, Ohio, gives a detailed technical description of the bridge, and while pointing out the defects in construction, it expressed the opinion that the material used was excellent, and "excepting the brace bearings, the workmanship was very superior;" that there is nothing in the failure to justify the popular apprehension that there may be some inherent defect in iron as a material for bridges; and that the failure of the bridge was not due to any defective quality in the iron, or the "result of a weakness gradually developed after the erection of the bridge," but "simply to the fact that it was not constructed in accordance with certain well established engineering principles."



Longitudinal Vertical Section.

SECTIONAL TUBULOUS BOILER BY MESSRS. BABCOCK & WILCOX.

If the temperature of the feed water had been calculated at 212° the evaporation per pound of combustible would have been, in the normal test, 12-17 pounds, and in the forcing test 10-14 pounds. Under the same conditions of feed water at 212° the horse-power obtained would have been for the normal test 157, and for the forcing 213 horse-power. The curious fact was developed during the test that when boilers were forced there was less priming than when they were working at the normal capacity. The quantity of water found in the steam was so small that upon the examination of the figures it was found in each case that the figures were within the limits of error of observation. In regard to this point Mr. Haskins says:

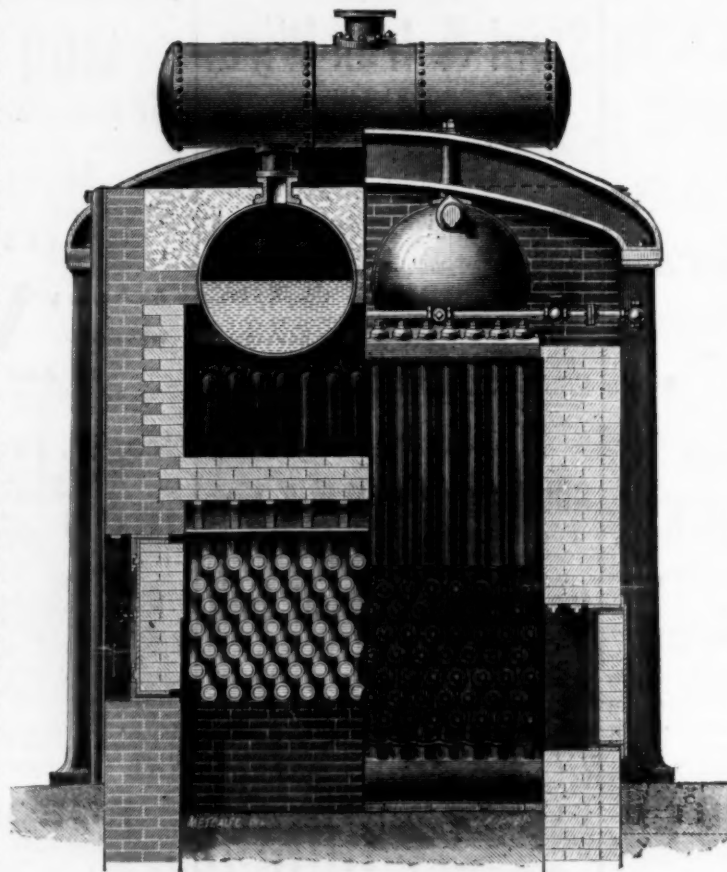
"Although this boiler has no steam heating surface the amount of water contained in the steam is exceedingly small, being but 213 per cent. on the maximum test, and 2-28 per cent. on the normal test. Thus the steam upon the forcing test was practically dry saturated, containing the number of heat units due its temperature and pressure, while on the economy test it made a very near approach to these conditions.

"The dryness of the steam from this boiler, without superheating surface, is doubtless due to the large water surface, or steam disengaging area, and steam space in the drums. In many boilers not provided with sufficient disengaging surface and steam room—under a high rate of combustion, especially—the escape of the steam from the insufficient surface is of so violent a character as to carry with it mechanically a large amount of water, which subsequently has no opportunity to become disengaged from the steam before reaching the engine; and this is particularly true of some forms of sectional boiler. In this case, although issuing from the front ends of the tubes, doubtless with great energy, the steam

will prime over considerable quantities of water when forced beyond their ordinary capacity.

"The large disengaging surface in the steam drums also gives this boiler a desirable advantage in rendering the maintenance of the water

years. In sugar works economy and capacity are two essentials in boilers, and therefore such a large order from a sugar house has especial significance. The firm are also erecting for the Brooklyn Sugar Refining Company, Brooklyn, E. D., 12 boilers of 1000 horse-power.



Rear Elevation and Section.

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There is to be cast at the South Boston Foundry, during the present week, a 12 inch rifled gun. The weight of this piece of ordnance when finished will be about 90,000 pounds, and it will carry a projectile weighing about 700 pounds. The ordinary charge of powder in firing it will be from 110 to 140 pounds, with which the projectile will pierce a solid mass of iron from 12 to 15 inches thick at a distance of 1000 yards. The gun will be made of cast iron, lined with a wrought iron cored tube, and when finished will be sent to proving the ground at Sandy Hook to be tested, and it found to be satisfactory will be mounted in one of the fortifications in New York harbor. General Benet, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance; Colonel Brislin, the Ordnance Constructor, and other prominent ordnance officers will witness the casting on Wednesday. This gun will be made on a system which will be thoroughly tested in this country on guns of smaller caliber, which have been found to equal any guns made abroad. The work upon it was commenced nearly a year ago, and the greatest care has been taken to select proper metal to be used in its construction.

At the last meeting of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences, Mr. John Ford described a group of eight burial mounds opened by him near Coup's Creek, Macoupin county, Ill. Each of the graves was lined with stone slabs, and after the bodies were placed in position within, earth had been packed around them so as to fill the inclosure. All the skeletons found in these

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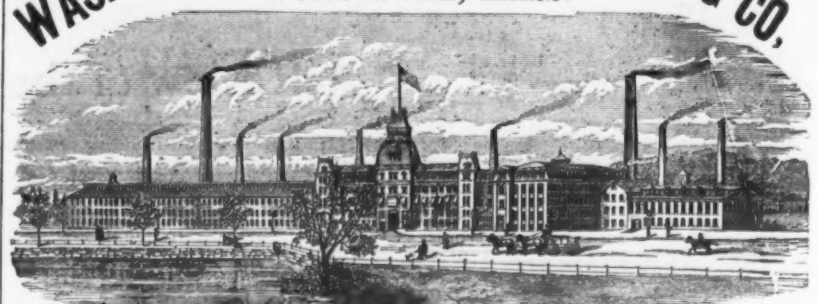
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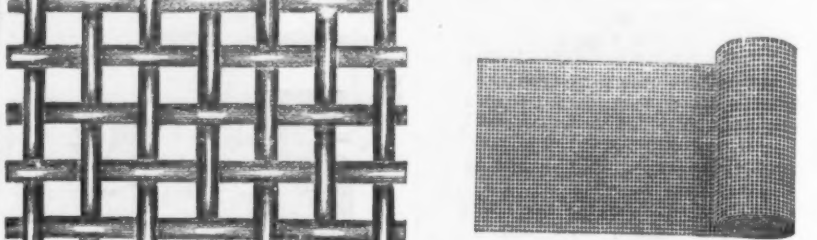


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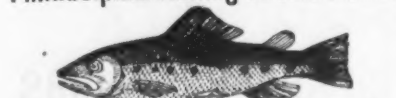
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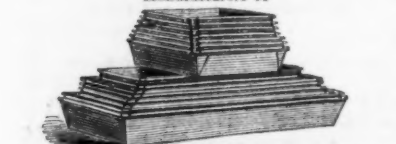
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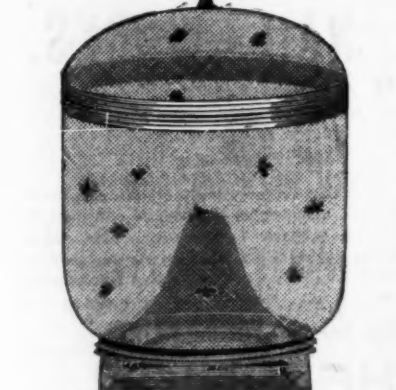
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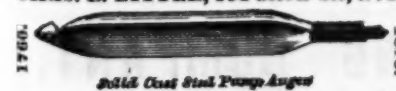
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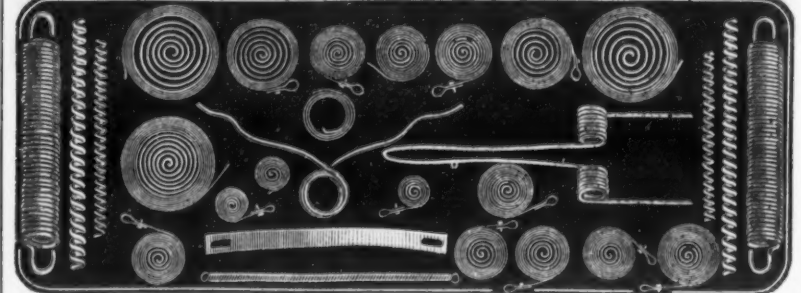


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It is impossible to produce a neutral and valuable iron from certain ores by the process usually adopted in the blast furnace at the present day. This process is, in its principle, a double one: I. reducing the ore into a state of cast iron; that is, by making it take a very large amount (2 to 4 per cent.) of carbon, in which state it is easily fusible, then running it out in pigs, and then II. oxidizing out the carbon as in the puddling furnace, and so reducing it to wrought iron. Mr. Peckham's method, summarily, consists in heating the ore in the presence of carbon in air-tight crucibles, or retorts, at successively increased, but uniformly maintained, temperatures, commencing at a very low heat. He then transfers the treated ore, or resulting metallic iron, while yet hot, and without exposure to cold air, to a forge fire, wherein it is worked. This is clearly the result of long continued experimenting in accordance with the above principles. The important excellence of Mr. Peckham's process is several fold, but it comprises a thoroughly digested practical way of economically producing the purest iron from the native ore. In his process the ore is mixed in proper proportion with the charcoal let in upon the uppermost shelf, or floor, of a horizontal crucible; there it receives the advantage of the first roasting in connection with the charcoal and the carbonic oxide, and by means of the heat remarkably well economized from the fire of the hearth. Here it loses largely its first volatile parts, including sulphur and vapor. It is then passed downward from the rear by drawing the roasted ore down through valves, or sliding doors, and let fall upon the next lower crucible floor, where it readily takes up more carbon, which combines with the remaining oxygen of the ore and passes off. It begins now to become metallic iron. The arrangement is a practical and a successful one, and the heat increasing at the next lower chamber, or crucible, reduces the ore more fully to the metallic condition.

Without exposure to the chilling contact with air, it is immediately drawn down upon the fire of the hearth and balled into the lump, and thence sent to the hammer to be made into blooms or billets. With an ore which we examined at the forge, the following results were obtained. The ore was brought to the forge in small grains. It was a magnetic ore whose specific gravity in its purest state when picked out from the heap of ore would be nearly 5.25, but in the mass of particles was about 2.70; that is, a cubic foot of that mass as it occurs in the ore heap weighs about 169 lbs. The mass contained of silicious material 2.737 per cent.; that is, of every 200 lbs. there were about 2½ lbs. of almost colorless quartz or flint particles, all the rest were more or less magnetic ore. The analysis of this ore, taking the average of eleven fire assays, gave nearly 63 per cent. metallic iron. The other ingredients of the ore are very small traces of phosphoric acid, sulphur, with manganese, titanic acid and silicon. This ore in grains averaging one sixteenth of an inch, mixed with charcoal, was introduced as above stated. The charges were passed down as already described. Two samples of the iron were billeted and drawn into bars of small size merchant iron. These were examined, as also the slag run off from the hearth, the latter for reasons hereafter to be stated. After carefully cutting the iron surface away there were taken pieces from two distinct brands very slightly but decidedly differing, which difference may be owing to the manner in which the prepared ore was worked in the reducing fire. One brand marked U, made in the usual manner, was an iron of exceedingly high tensile strength—we should say about 89,000 lbs. to the inch—very compact, presenting several of the virtues of carbon steel, and yet, after several assays for carbon, presenting about the following average result of analyses:

99-860 iron
99-865 manganese oxide (Mn O₂)
99-866 silicic acid
99-867 sulphur
99-868 trace phosphorus
99-869 titanic acid
99-870 carbon
99-871 no cinder

99-925 I think a trace of nickel.

The other brand marked W was made, as I am informed, by working the reducing fire hotter, so as to make the cinder more liquid, and to separate it more perfectly from the iron. A great bath of cinder was retained in the fire during its manipulation so as to protect the lump from the oxidizing effect of the blast. It, however, was a softer iron, but of singular and very unusual purity. In the bar it worked as perfectly neutral iron; was similar to the other excepting that it contained considerable carbon, several analyses making it about:

99-893 metallic iron
99-894 titanic acid
99-895 supposed trace of nickel
99-896 silicic acid (1 oz to the ton)
99-897 trace slag or cinder
99-898 carbon
99-899 manganese oxide
99-900 supposed trace of sulphur
99-901 phosphoric acid (7)

99-928 One amount taken for examination was 3-046 grammes, about 47 grains, others smaller.

In the above extreme decimals we cannot assure certainty, but only what we think to be the nearest average on repeated assays.

The iron compares very favorably with the finest piano wire, and there is no commercial iron—not even the best Swedish iron—which can be reasonably considered superior for the large majority of purposes to which wrought iron is usually put. One remarkable characteristic of this iron is its exceeding tenacity and toughness. In comparison with a very good iron from another ore, made on the Lehigh, Pa., and which sustained nearly 60,000 to the inch, under a trial I had made at Reading, Pa., this iron will certainly reach 84,000 as its

tensile strength, while its tenacity seems due largely, to the presence of titanium, or to manganese, the process through which it passes in the forge, as under the patent of Mr. Peckham, purifies the ore by heat and contact with charcoal before the entire deoxidization and renders its condition better for the forge fire than by any other process. In proof of this we obtained a piece of iron formed from the same ore by the same kind of coal in the usual Catalan method. The iron was harsh, due to the largely increased silicon and cinder with other elements which remained in the iron. In Mr. Peckham's process these impurities passed more largely into the slag or mill cinder, which we carefully examined for the proof. The gradual roasting and deoxygenating process of Mr. Peckham, when properly carried out, is the best method of treating all ores before reducing them on the melting hearth, for the following reasons: I. In the case of magnetic ores, although in theory these ores have a specific gravity of about 5, when broken down, as they should be and generally are in the Lake Champlain region, they only weigh about 169 lbs. to the cubic foot. By actual experiments in horizontal crucibles of about three-quarters of an inch thickness of floor and sides, I found that after a low heat from 700° to 900° F., continued five hours and a half without any charcoal, there was produced a result I could not effect in the platinum crucible in the chemical laboratory, though continued a long time over the blast lamp. The action of fire brick without, and then with charcoal, has its peculiar efficacy. The crucibles at the earliest stage need not be very closely shut up, as the heat should not be enough to ignite the coal, except where an actual draught passes over the coal. This draught never occurs in Mr. Peckham's crucibles. In the use of the specular red ore, or more open red hematites, the time may be reduced from six to four and a half or five hours. There is much gained by keeping the ore heated fully up to five hours.

Although this process is peculiarly adapted to the richer magnetic and specular, or heavy hematite ores, it can be used in the case of the heaviest brown hematites. Selecting some of the best Pennsylvania brown hematites and using charcoal, roasting and reducing, I have produced a very malleable, neutral wrought iron, capable of being cemented into carbon steel of a very fine quality. A blacksmith, not far from Easton, Pa., erected a small Catalan hearth, and reduced quite a quantity of brown hematite, forming an iron quite good enough for horseshoe nails. For toughness and firmness, however, the iron does not equal the Lake Champlain iron already described. II. After the first process it is absolutely necessary, gradually, to increase the heat to red. It is an essential element in Mr. Peckham's method, and of his previous success, that the regulation of heat be observed strictly. I found that the raw ore was reduced from 169 lbs. per cubic foot to 167 lbs. after roasting in a very low, not red heat, 5 to 6 hours without any charcoal, but afterward I added 1½ lbs. bulk of coal, and in 8 hours reduced the weight to 130 lbs. Absolute deoxygenation would, theoretically, reduce the cubic foot of ore in weight to only 116 lbs. Let a cubic foot box or one-quarter of such a box be made, and let the superintendent approximate 30 lbs. in weight for the deoxygenated ore in the ½ foot box. Let him examine and handle this amount of ore until he can judge of its condition without weighing. A box 7-5 on the inside measurement every way, furnished with a handle, will answer the purpose.

If all the economies we have stated in this report are carefully studied and carried out strictly and intelligently, as they can be by this process, the following results should be obtained.

1. By depriving the ore of its oxygen and transferring the resulting deoxidized ore called sponge while yet hot directly to the forge fire, a large per cent. of charcoal will be saved. Instead of 300 or 350 bushels of charcoal to the ton of iron, as in the ordinary Catalan forge, the amount should be reduced to 200 bushels of properly prepared charcoal, and by a thorough utilization of the heat, as proposed by Mr. Peckham, it may be reduced still further.

2. The ore being deprived of sulphur and other impurities, which may be eliminated or absorbed by the charcoal in the retorts, a much purer iron will be produced by this than by any other known process from the same ores.

3. By the treatment in the retorts, the particles of quartz or silica mixed with the ore become so thoroughly roasted and so nearly disintegrated that they, as a result, will separate more perfectly from the iron than when raw ore is used, and in consequence they will produce a milder natured cinder, and as the lump or ball produced partakes of the nature of the cinder, the iron produced from the ore thus treated will be more satisfactory.

4. As the size or capacity of each section or story of the furnace and its heat may be varied as desired, the ore may be first deoxidized and then carbonized, and uniform steel be produced at once from the ore.

Lastly. The iron from this process has abundantly proved itself not only equal in purity to the same general wrought iron grade of foreign irons; but, so far as capability of manufacture is concerned, it can continuously and uniformly be made fully equal in purity and strength to any foreign iron—Swedish or Lowmoor.

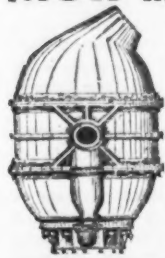
So far as tensile strength is concerned, there are magnetic ores on Lake Champlain, Lake Superior and in Missouri which, if carefully and intelligently treated, will excel any foreign irons at present imported. It should be remembered that irons containing any proportion of manganese or titanium do not require so long a time for forming the same quality of carbon steel, by what is known as the "cementation process," but should remain in the converting crucible a shorter time than should irons entirely free from those elements. The finest steel of the world, of the celebrated Damascus blades, was formed upon the same principle upon which Mr. Peckham proceeds in his process, especially in his most recently improved forge. But as for iron it is unquestionable that there is now made by Mr. Peckham's process and patent an iron which, aside of the reputation of Swedish irons would be found to be equally valuable for firmness, strength and commercial purity and use with the very best of Swedish brands which have been imported during the last ten years.

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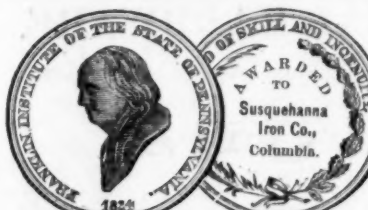
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In Weyrauch's treatise on the "Strength and Calculation of Dimensions of Iron and Steel Constructions," we find the following:
EXCESS OF ELASTIC LIMIT.

The limit of elasticity is generally defined as that stress per square unit beyond which permanent changes of form occur, while under less stresses the body returns to its former condition. Reference is made, not to sudden changes in stress and shocks, but to gradually increasing strains. But the definition is theoretically worthless, for a limit so definite is not probable, and much less is it proved. On the contrary, Hodgkinson and Clark have observed that there are permanent changes of form under very small loads. At present we must be content with defining this limit with Fairbairn, as that stress below which the changes in form are approximately proportional to the forces, while above this they increase much more rapidly. The words "approximately" and "much" are not so indeterminate as might be supposed, for in the experiments of Bauschinger, the passage beyond the limit of elasticity could be determined very precisely; as, for example, in tension; "for with the same increase of load a disproportionately great elongation occurred at once, the maximum of which was in every case reached after some time." This sudden elongation must be credited to permanent changes of form; further elongations until near the breaking limit remain proportional to the stresses, and the modulus of elasticity is always found to be independent of the latter. In the first definition the changes of form which are permanent from Bauschinger's point of view are neglected. All experiments up to the present time have shown that when the elastic limit is passed the tensile resistance is considerably increased, while ductility and tenacity diminish, the metal becoming brittle and having little power of resistance to shock. In experiments at the Woolwich arsenal, an iron rod four times ruptured by pull, gave the successive values of t : 3520, 3803, 3978, 4186; Bauschinger tore apart a piece of iron seven times, and the resistance increased from 3300 to 4400.

Paquet found that iron chains after stretching bore a greater dead weight, but had less resistance to shock. Fairbairn thought all these phenomena could be explained by the hypothesis that the resistance of all the parts was not at first called into action, but, like ropes, they became gradually strained in common under sufficient load. With this accords the fact that Bauschinger observed that increase of resistance, especially in rolled iron, was notably regular when the stress was in the direction of the fibers. The analogy holds further; for a rope when tense is more easily broken by shock. And this explains why a rod under sudden increase of stress breaks more readily than in case of gradually increasing pull.

When the limit of elasticity is passed, this limit is again raised. Treaca, in tests of rails, succeeded in pushing the limit of elasticity to near the limit of rupture, so that it was less by about one-tenth. The practice hitherto has been to assume as permissible stress (b) a fraction of the elastic limit. In this case b increases with the number of loads. But the material becomes more brittle and less resistant to shock, and local passages beyond elastic limits are not excluded. So that we need not assent to the often advocated opinion that a test of material beyond the elastic limit would be of advantage. It is worth mentioning that the increase of resistance with the passage beyond each limit cannot go on indefinitely; but a diminution must occur at some time, unless we assume that with very gradual increase of stresses and longer intervals the original resistance becomes greater than the initial ultimate strength.

Now, if passage beyond the elastic limit can work unfavorably, it should not be permitted. But it is enough to know that, according to the numerous experiments of Styffe and others upon all sorts of iron and steel, the ratio of elastic limit to ultimate strength generally lies between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$, and under the most favorable circumstances seldom reaches $\frac{1}{2}$.

Wertheim and Styffe have attempted to establish more precise definition of the elastic limit, but as they are not better, either theoretically or practically, than others, it would be superfluous to consider them. It is since the time of Hodgkinson and Clark that an empirical importance has attached to this limit; and it is still very narrow in its scope, because the limit, as above defined, is of no avail in case of sudden change of strain and of repeated stresses.

Vicat made experiments to determine the effect of lapse of time upon a dead load. He kept wires loaded up to three-fourths the tensile resistance during thirty-three months. The one with heaviest load broke. Vicat inferred from this, and because the extension seemed to be proportional to the time, that every load beyond the elastic limit would, after lapse of time, cause rupture. Considering that very small loads cause permanent changes in form, it would be more correct to infer that any load, if given time enough, will cause rupture. Fairbairn thought he could prove this by tests on cast iron girders. But we do not find that the results of his experiments warrants his conclusion. But the fact that under stress beyond the elastic limit the ultimate strength increases, leads to the conclusion that security against dead load increases with time. But if it is objected that a decrease may follow an increase of ultimate strength it must be admitted, in view of all that has been said, that the influence of duration of dead load has not been clearly determined. That each load requires a certain time to cause its correspondent permanent change has been known since the time of Hodgkinson and Wertheim, and also accords

with Fairbairn's comparison with ropes; and, again, it has been observed by Bauschinger. This also holds true for further changes in form; and if a rod stretched again when released, does not at once return to its previous condition a so-called secondary action takes place. This was observed in Kupffer's experiments. Thurston thinks that in this he has discovered a new phenomenon; that ultimate strength and elastic limit increase after a strain greater than the latter, continued for twenty-four hours. But there is nothing new in it. That the tensile resistance of iron and steel is greater under the action of an electric current, and that the ductility is effected, now one way, now another, by dipping the metal in acid, seem to be shown by detached experiments, but this needs confirmation.

INFLUENCE OF TEMPERATURE.

The influence of different temperatures upon the strength of steel and iron is not satisfactorily explained. With respect to ultimate resistance only, because of numerous experiments, has there been a growing accord of views. For most kinds of metal, especially for iron, the ultimate strength appears to increase with the decrease of temperature below zero, but also to reach a maximum at a little above 100° C. Within a certain interval near 16° the resistance is quite constant; the beginning and the rapidity of the increase and the position of the maximum are dependent upon the conditions already considered.

Fairbairn, in tension experiments with bar iron, found, in one case, the resistance at 0° equal to, in another, 1 per cent. higher than at 60°. Thurston found in torsion experiments a decided increase of strength to -12°. Spence, in experiments in bending cast iron, found at -18° a strength greater by about 3.5 per cent. than at +15°. At higher temperatures Fairbairn found for bolt iron the maximum of ultimate tensile strength at 163° 41 per cent. greater than at 18°; later experiments with bar iron put the maximum at 213°. A commission of the Franklin Institute, at Philadelphia, found the maximum strength 15 per cent. greater than its ordinary value at about 288°. Styffe has published the results of numerous experiments. See his table VII.

Beyond the maximum the ultimate resistance decreases at first slowly, but very rapidly at red heat. In this respect, too, the different kinds of metal behave very differently, and the diminution may possibly be the quicker and more rapid the lower the temperature of the metal when under mechanical treatment. Tensile resistance Fairbairn found to diminish from 32°, where it was about the same as at ordinary temperature, a low red heat, by about 17 per cent.; up to ordinary red heat, by about 34 per cent. Experiments at the Franklin Institute found the ultimate tensile resistance at 575° lowered by 0.66, and at 700° by 0.33 from the ordinary value. Bauschinger observed the strength of puddled plate, transverse to the direction of rolling, to be at red heat 780 kil. (2700 ordinary), and of rolled iron along the fibers, 50 (4430 ordinary).

These results are of importance with respect to constructions exposed to fire. Kirchweiger, of Hanover, regards the diminution of tensile strength by heating as the cause of boiler explosions; attempting to prove at the same time that a boiler filled with water may become red hot. Bauschinger thinks it possible that the continual variations and differences of temperature of the outer and inner surfaces may diminish the cohesion of the laminae of the plate; the inner laminae bearing a disproportionate share of the strain, and the shearing resistance being lessened.

A frequent theme of discussion is the influence of cold upon resistance to sudden changes of stress—shocks in particular. It cannot be denied that more axes and wheels break in winter than in summer. Styffe maintains that rupture is often due to the fact that the parts are held fast, and, therefore, cannot yield to the contracting influence of the cold; again, for tires, axes and rails, the effect of shocks is increased by the diminished elasticity of the ground.

Sandberg, in an appendix to the English translation of Styffe's work, maintains that these are not the principal causes of breaking. He laid iron rails upon granite supports which lay upon granite rocks, so that the elasticity of the foundations might be the same in any season. The two halves of these rails were tested by blows with a 380 kil. ball at -12° in winter, and +29° in summer; and it was found that at -12° the rail could withstand only $\frac{1}{2}$ of what it could at +29°. This showed, at least, that there are some kinds of iron that are weakened by frost. Styffe had tested only under dead loads, and in this respect his results were trustworthy.

Sandberg also found this peculiar result: that Aberdeen rails, which bore in summer 20 per cent. more strain than those from Creusot, in winter had 30 per cent. less strength. This could be explained on the hypothesis of a difference in constitution which affected the strength unequally. Fairbairn had already shown the unfavorable effect of phosphorus and sulphur at low temperature; and Sandberg thought it possible that different results would have been reached had the metal been free from phosphorus.

Unfortunately the chemical constitution of the rails was not determined; but it seems likely that phosphorus, which always diminishes resistance to shock, may operate more actively at a low temperature. Its effect also increases under high heat. Styffe found that the grain of a screw bolt of phosphorus-iron was so affected that a single blow of the hammer broke it. Steel with increasing mixture of phosphorus, loses its capacity to undergo repeated heating without losing its peculiar properties.

In the year 1871, Joule, Fairbairn, Spence and Brockbank contributed to the Manchester

Literary and Scientific Society four papers upon the influence of cold upon iron and steel. All agreed that resistance to dead load was not diminished by cold, but considerably increased. Brockbank held it certain that cold diminishes resistance to shock; this, Joule and Fairbairn did not admit. All referred to experiments. No one will question the exactness of Joule's tests; but the test pieces were wires, needles and nails, so that the results may not hold for larger pieces; while Fairbairn and Spence tested only under dead load. A series of observations by Brockbank confirm the results obtained by Sandberg. Rails were tested with blows; and in frosty weather they had far less strength than at ordinary temperature; a hollow cast iron core-rod, about which a cylinder had been cast, cooled down to -73½°, broke square and smooth, leaving a brittle looking surface, while the pieces were made stiff and sound again by heating. A rod of round iron of best quality, of 38 mm. diameter, which lay a week exposed to frost and was covered with ice, broke at 4½° under a single blow of a hammer weighing 5.4 kil.

All authorities admit the increase of resistance to tension under great cold, though they deny that there is a diminution of power to resist shocks. This is bad reasoning. It is certain that resistance to dead load is somewhat increased by frost; and beside this, according to Styffe, the elastic limit; just as is the case under hammering, rolling, hardening, etc.; but as with all the latter, resistance to shock increases, there seems to be no reason for a contrary judgment in the first case. Styffe has proved that iron becomes stiffer with decrease of temperature; agreeing with Sandberg.

Thurston concludes from results of his experiments that phosphorus and other substances, inducing cold brittleness, may impair resistance to shock at low temperatures, which seldom occur; and that in other cases resistance to dead load, as well as to shock, is increased by cold. This would be novel, but it must first be proved. Thurston's test machine is well adapted to the lecture room, being convenient and cheap; but it is not suitable for scientific experiments requiring results numerically exact. The velocity, an important element, is not regulated; the methods of measurement are much too primitive to answer to small differences due to temperature; and it is not to be taken for granted that torsion tests are best suited to determine the properties of resistance of fibrous and laminated metals.

In a report of the Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners (1874), mentioned by Thurston, it is said, that "cold does not make iron and steel brittle and unsuitable for mechanical purposes, and that it is not the invariable rule that the most breakings occur on the coldest days." The membership of the commission is not given, nor is it certain what kinds of metal were under consideration. Did it contain a large percentage of phosphorus? Were the rails iron or steel? It has been found in Northern climates—Canada, Sweden, and Russia—that a low steel, with $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. phosphorus, was affected by cold much less than iron. According to Styffe there is no authentic case in which good steel contained more than 0.04 per cent. of phosphorus; though in one English iron rail there was 0.25 per cent., and in Dudley iron 0.35.

We draw the following conclusions from all the data to hand: (a). Iron and steel, which are entirely or nearly free from all foreign material, have neither their resistance to dead load notably increased by cold, nor their resistance to shock diminished. (b). Certain elements not exactly determined, but phosphorus certainly, very much diminish resistance to shock and sudden change of stress. (c). The question cannot be definitely settled until the chemical constitution is determined. (d). Statistics of results in warm and cold latitudes in summer and winter, after long frost on days of sudden intensity of cold, are required.

The above has reference to the immediate influence of temperature. In regard to the effect of repeated changes of temperature, Wohler conjectures that frequent vibrations of molecules caused by heat, have the same effect in destroying cohesion as vibrations caused by external forces. Data from observation have not been obtained. Spangenberg, after examination of the fracture surface, did not adopt this hypothesis. Bauschinger after testing boiler iron, thought it possible that the strength of the plate was weakened by long action of the fire. But this decides nothing as to the effect of repeated influences. If Wohler's hypothesis is correct, we should recognize in change of temperature a cause of destruction, not only of metals, but also of all other solid bodies. And safety coefficients would be of no avail, for if we should make one beam twice as large as another, each half of the first would be as much affected as the whole of the second. In any case, bridges and buildings which are subjected to only slight variations of temperature, will certainly be more likely to fail from other causes.

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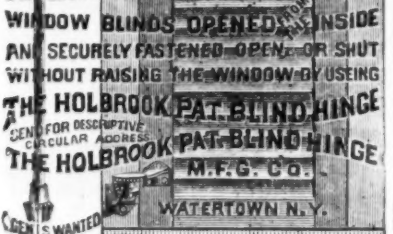
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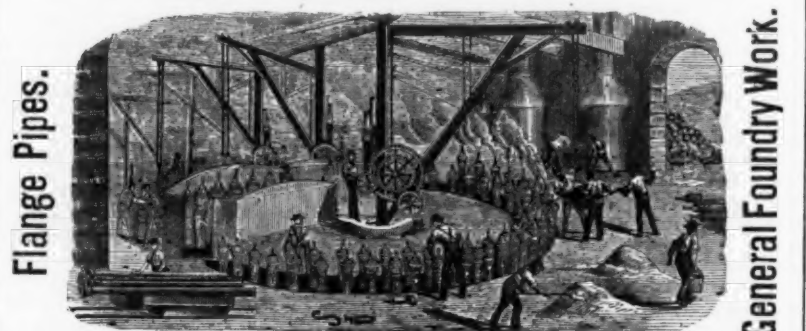
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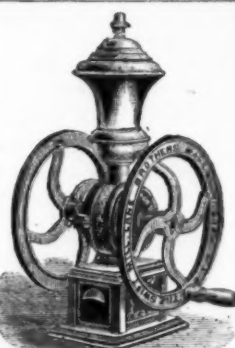
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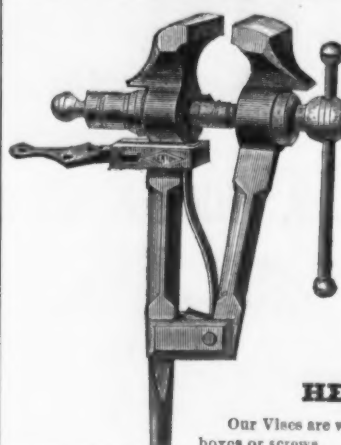
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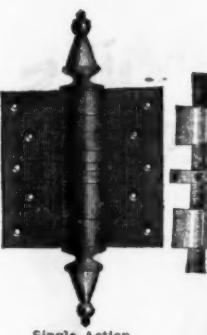
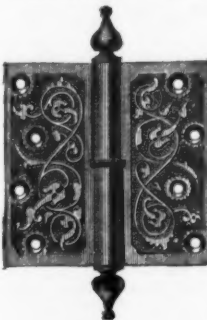
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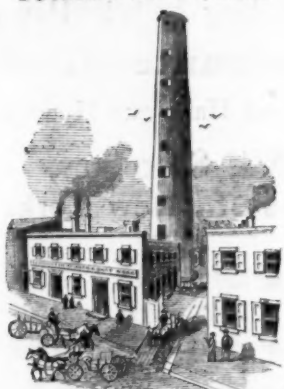
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INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1876,
UNITED STATES CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,
BUREAU OF AWARDS, GROUP 15,
PHILADELPHIA, July 6, 1876.

Judges met at room at 9 o'clock a. m., and made the following report of examination for record:

The Brazilian exhibits consist principally of ornamental castings; the bolts, nuts and other wrought iron work are creditable to the exhibitors. Recommended for award of merit.

369. John Kallioin & Sons, Nijni Novgorod, Russia. Table cutlery and a large variety of pocket cutlery, shears, pruning knives, &c.; highly finished, of excellent quality and tasteful designs. Recommended for award of merit.

370. Demetrius Kondratoff, Russia. Table, pocket and other cutlery; of common class, but of excellent quality, and moderate in price. Recommended for award of merit.

371. Alexis Zabialoff, Nijni Novgorod, Russia. Table cutlery, also pocket cutlery, shears, heavy pruning knives, &c.; very highly finished, of excellent quality and desirable patterns. Recommended for award of merit.

376. S. H. Quint & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Stencils, pattern letters, &c.; a great variety of excellently well made articles. Recommended for award of merit.

PHILADELPHIA, July 10, 1876.

Judges met at room at 9 o'clock a. m. Awards, so far as forms were filled in, were signed by judges present, and various incidental matters of business were transacted, after which an adjournment was had until to-morrow, 11th inst., at 9 a. m.

PHILADELPHIA, July 13, 1876.

Judges met at room at 9 a. m. Several interviews were had with depositors in regard to their goods. There being no schedules of goods unexamined, judges were engaged in getting up reports and signing recommendations for awards. Adjourned to meet to-morrow, 14th inst., at 9 o'clock a. m.

PHILADELPHIA, July 14, 1876.

Judges met at room to prepare reports for awards, &c.; also inspected boxes said to be fire proof, deposited by F. W. B. Meidell, Copenhagen, Denmark; after which adjourned to meet Monday, 17th inst., at room at 9 a. m.

PHILADELPHIA, July 17, 1876.

Judges met at room at 9 o'clock a. m. Communication received from Mr. Wm. Graves, representing Herring & Co., asking judges to visit the factory of this firm and witness experiments in drilling welded steel and iron. After full consideration of the proposition, it was concluded to decline, inasmuch as it was not intended the judges should make practical tests. The following exhibit was presented for examination:

384. Clough & Williamson, Newark, N. J. Wire, corkscrews and cork handles; strong, durable, well made and cheap. Recommended for award of merit.

Also a further examination of the exhibit of Mr. Edward H. Knight's patent angle corner compensating wrench, was made, Mr. Knight being present at room and fully explaining the merits of his invention.

After being recommended for award, judges adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m. at room.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18, 1876.

Judges met at room at 9 a. m. After transacting some preliminary business, proceeded to Agricultural Hall to inspect deposits of—

385. Wm. F. Palmer, San Francisco, Cal. Axes, hatchets, adzes, chisels, draw knives, cooper's tools, &c.; good, serviceable tools, substantially made; evidently not finished for special exhibition. Recommended for award of merit.

After signing reports of award and making additional examinations of safes, &c., judges adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m. at room.

PHILADELPHIA, July 19th, 1876.

Judges met at room at 9 o'clock a. m. Application of F. W. B. Meidell, manufacturer of Danish safes with fire proof wood and paper, that a test by fire be instituted with his safes, was received, and the chairman instructed to communicate to Mr. Meidell that the Group are not authorized, nor do they deem it their duty, to make the desired test. Judges proceeded to examine Yale's post office model and matters in regard to safes and safe locks; also, deposit of Baeder, Adamson & Co., sandpaper, emory paper and cloth. The subject of post office and safes and safe locks referred to in special report on safes and locks.

387. Baeder, Adamson & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Sand paper, emory paper and emory cloth; handsomely made and of excellent quality of material and manufacture. Recommended for award of merit.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow, 20th inst., at room at 9 o'clock a. m.

PHILADELPHIA, July 20, 1876.

Judges met at room at 9 a. m., and had under consideration sundry "ticket" applications, without schedules or proper descriptions of claims of depositors; therefore deferred until further information be given. Mr. William Russell, of Cincinnati, O., manufacturer of horseshoes, waited upon the judges and explained some of the advantages claimed for his shoes. A special examination was undertaken by Gen. Imboden, by appointment with Mr. Russell. Reports of awards having been made out to date, it was determined to forward them to the Bureau of Awards, with the following communication addressed to Hon. Francis A. Walker, Chief of Bureau:

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to present herewith the "Report on Awards," being the result of the labors of Group 15 to date, excepting the items of safes and safe locks, in relation to which a special report will be shortly made. The practice of Group 15 has been to make examination in a congregated capacity, thus avoiding the necessity of a subdivision by which individual opinions are given; conse-

quently in the reports herewith the individual name, for which a blank is provided, is omitted and the certification made by the whole group. In the phraseology of the award it has been esteemed best to employ short yet comprehensive terms, as being, under the circumstances, best adapted to the end in view. It was seldom possible, and in all probability not intended, that we should have a practical test of quality beyond that supplied by the judgment of an expert purchaser. This, it is believed, has been given with a single purpose to do simple justice to all interested.

Very respectfully, DANIEL STEINMETZ,
Chairman Group 15.

By request of the Chief of the Bureau, the blank space for the signatures of individual judges was afterward filled in by the judges of Group 15, each report, therefore, having a signing judge in addition to the approval of the Group judges. H. K. STEINMETZ,
Secretary Group 15.

Adjourned to meet at 5 p. m. to-morrow at room.

PHILADELPHIA, July 24, 1876.

Judges met at room, at 9 a. m., and after considering several applications in regard to exhibits, proceeded to determine the merits of the deposits of safes, safe locks, &c., which occupied the time until 5 p. m., when an adjournment was had to to-morrow, 25th inst., at 9 a. m. at room.

PHILADELPHIA, July 25, 1876.

Judges met at room and proceeded to further consider the exhibits of safes and locks, resulting in a final determination, as follows, viz.:

400. B. Haffner, Senior, Paris, France. Safes, jewel boxes, &c. A fine and fine exhibit of fire and burglar-proof safes, house or plate safes, jewel boxes, &c., with combination locks and a time or chronometer lock. These safes, of which there are many specimens of different sizes, are exceedingly well made and fitted, and the same may be said of the locks. The burglar-proof safes are composed of alternate plates of wrought and hard cast iron and would offer great resistance to the drill. The fire-proof safes have combination locks and are filled with a non-conducting composition. The jewel cases and cash boxes are well made and finished. The plate safe is a model of taste in design and finish. Recommended for award of merit.

401. Chaitwood, London, England. Fire and burglar-proof safes; well made and of good material. Recommended for award of merit.

404. Hall's Safe & Lock Co., Cincinnati, O. Safe deposit vaults, bankers', jewelers', office and house safes, and chronometric and other locks. Special claims are: For fire proofs: A patent prepared fire-resistant. For burglar proofs, that they are built of alternate plates of welded iron and chrome steel, fastened together by conical bolts; they have interlocking bolts, chronometric attachment to lock, dove-tailed corners and doors, detachable handles; additional protection for inside of doors in fire-proof work. All the above are esteemed valuable improvements. The style and workmanship throughout are of the highest character as to finish and security. The safe deposit vault is a strong and massive structure, equal to any exhibited, with its doors well protected by having bolt work and combination locks. Recommended for award of merit.

406. Beard & Bro., St. Louis, Mo. Burglar and fire-proof safes with screw door. Special claim: Powder drill and wedge proof. The construction of this door affords a security which the square door does not. The safes are constructed of alternate plates of welded chrome steel and iron in the usual manner. The workmanship throughout is of excellent character. These safes have circular doors; are made of welded chrome steel and iron; doors are closed by a screw and the fit ground, as the door is admitted to be the weakest point in any safe. This circular form ground fit and secured fastening, may be regarded as additional security in comparison with the square or rectangular, single or double doors, and the screw securing the door being double threaded—one thread 1-16 pitch finer than the other—gives a close fit without much risk of jamming. These safes are worthy of notice for their burglar-proof qualities. Recommended for award of merit.

407. Herring & Co., New York. Fire and burglar-proof safes, bankers', office and house safes and jewel boxes, chronometer and other locks. Special claims: Patent filling for fire-proof work. For burglar-proof work: Franklinitie in addition to welded steel and iron in construction; revolving bolts; doors and their openings tongued and grooved and packed with rubber; locks with or without chronometric attachment; detachable lever or stop securing the bolts in case the lock is forced. The time and safe locks are fine specimens of workmanship, and afford protection against fraud. The burglar-proof work very strong and massive, and every precaution taken against fraud or violence. The office and house safes very thoroughly made and decorated. The whole exhibit showing good taste and first-class workmanship. Recommended for award of merit.

408. Terwilliger & Co., New York. Fire and burglar-proof safes. Special claims: Burglar-proof safes; welded steel (the outer plate of steel) and iron revolving bolts; door tongued and grooved, and packed with rubber or felt. The fire-proof safes filled with the ordinary composite filling; well constructed, substantially made and of superior finish. Recommended for award of merit.

409. J. Watson & Son, Philadelphia, Pa. Bankers', office and house safes. Special claims: Welded steel and iron; tongued and grooved doors, and revolving bolts for burglar-proof work. Fire-proof safes filled with the ordinary composition. The safes in this exhibit are well made and finished. Recommended for award of merit.

412. Marvin Safe & Scale Co., New York. Fire and burglar-proof safes, bankers', office and house safes, jewel boxes and combination locks. The burglar-proof safes of welded steel and iron, and of the same general construction and arrangement as the others, but as many others, and is strong, well finished work. The fire-proof safes are filled with a fire-proof composition, and are well finished and decorated. The safe locks are good and very low in price. The house safes are very tastefully finished. There is also a spherical safe made of chrome iron, and stated to be drill proof. Recommended for award of merit.

413. Farrell & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Safe deposit vault, bankers', office, jewelers' safes, &c. The burglar-proof made of welded steel and iron and Franklinitie; very strong and massive, with revolving bolts, &c. The security of the safe consists in its three walls of an aggregate thickness of 9 inches, each door secured by a combination lock. The outside one has a double chronometric lock. The safe deposit vault is fitted up complete, and forms altogether the most extensive exhibit in the safe department. The fire-proof safes are well made and finished with combination lock,

and are filled with concrete. Special commendation is given to the double fire-proof safe, which is presumed to be in every respect what its name indicates. Recommended for award of merit.

414. Safes and Safe Locks. Corliss Safe Company, Providence, R. I. Burglar-proof safes. This is a novel idea in safe making, and intended to be burglar-proof only. The outer shell is something more than hemispherical in form, of very strong iron of great thickness (5 inches), cast in a chill. The inner portion is concentric with the outer and hung in a crane on pivots, having a motion on its center, and horizontally, by which it can be turned to give access to its contents, or reversed and brought forward by appropriate mechanism to position for locking, when the junction between the two portions is made tight by a ground fit, leaving no chance of introducing any explosive or wedge, and is still further secured by an expanding packing ring or tongue, fitting into a corresponding groove in the outer shell. The lock is also exceedingly well protected against assault, being encased in a heavy burglar proof box attached to the inside of the safe. The metal of which the safe is composed is sufficiently thick and well chilled to be presumably able to resist a burglar during such period of time as he would probably have to operate upon it. Should the lock be forced off, communication is still impossible with the interior of the safe. This safe is radically different in construction and operation from those made for some years past, and offers security from violence which entitles it to the highest commendation. Recommended for award of merit.

414 1/2. Valentine & Butler, New York. One fire-proof and one burglar-proof safe. First-class work; well and strongly made, provided with the usual protection against fire and burglary. Claim: Offset, spindle, door and recess corners. Recommended for award of merit.

415. Sargent & Greenleaf, New York. Combination time and other locks. The time locks are simple and effective, and are an absolute lock-out to every one until the expiration of the time for which they are set. Their winding is accomplished by the act of setting the mechanism to the hour for unlocking. The combination and other locks are well and strongly made, and finely finished. Recommended for award of merit.

416. New Britain Safe Lock Company, New Britain, Conn. Bank safe, safe deposit, drawer and other locks. This is a large exhibit, comprising the Isham key register, Pillard dial and time locks, and locks for other purposes. The bank and time locks are fine specimens of workmanship; the other locks are very well made and finely finished. Recommended for award of merit.

417. Yale Lock Manufacturing Co., Stamford, Conn. Time, safe deposit, prison, door, closet, drawer locks, post office boxes and locks, door trimmings, hinges, &c. These are well made, substantial goods. The better grades are very finely finished and all well adapted to their intended purposes. The model post office, together with the boxes and locks, is neat and tasteful in design, and a public convenience. The time locks are very fine specimens of workmanship, and possess every element of security and protection against being opened except at the stipulated time and by the proper person. The door knobs, handles, trimmings, &c., are fine, well made goods. Recommended for award of merit.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow (Wednesday), 26th inst., at room.

PHILADELPHIA, July 26, 1876.

Judges met at room to prepare recommendations for award for safes and safe locks, which, on being completed, were by arrangement to be forwarded to-morrow, 27th inst., to Chief of Bureau of Awards. Judges adjourned until to-morrow to meet at room for this purpose.

JUDGES' HALL,

PHILADELPHIA, July 27, 1876.

The members of Group 15 having at this date completed the object for which they were appointed by the Centennial Commission, unanimously desire to tender to their chairman, Daniel Steinmetz, Esq., their sincere acknowledgments for the able manner in which he has discharged the difficult duties of his office; for his constant attendance and ready attention to the consideration of the varied claims presented, and especially for the uniform courtesy and kindness shown to every member during the arduous and often difficult period of their labors. The subscribers express an earnest hope that their Chairman may be spared with his family in comfort and happiness for years in his retirement from business, and enjoy the leisure so justly earned by a successful career in business.

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PHILADELPHIA, July 28, 1876.

The members of Group 15, having had under consideration the suggestion of Gen. Walker that one of their number should be appointed to give such explanations as may be afterward required by the Centennial Commission, held a meeting this day and unanimously resolved to appoint their chairman, Daniel Steinmetz, Esq., to represent the Group for that purpose, and the chairman, being present, agreed to accept the appointment. The clerk was instructed to send a copy of this appointment to General Walker.

Adjourned finally this day as a group, subject to above resolutions.

H. K. STEINMETZ, Secretary.

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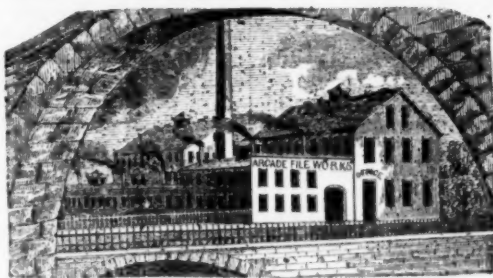


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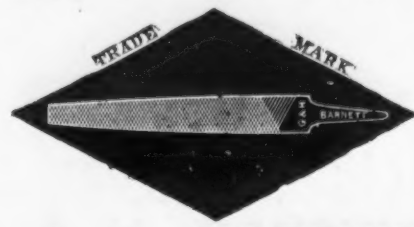
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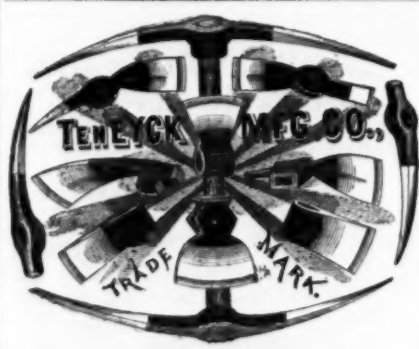
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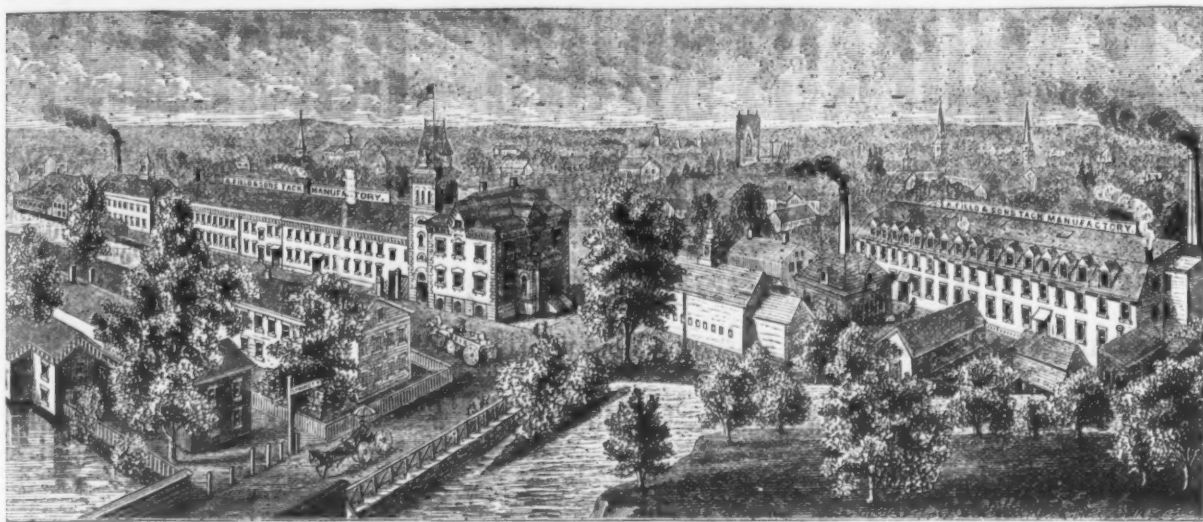
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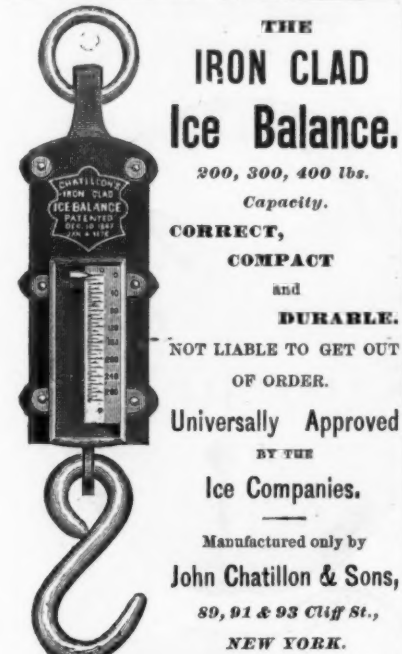
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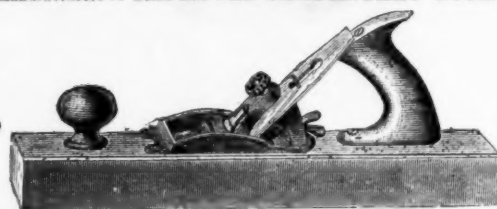
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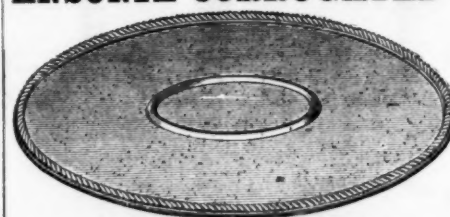
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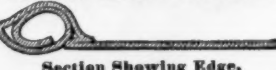
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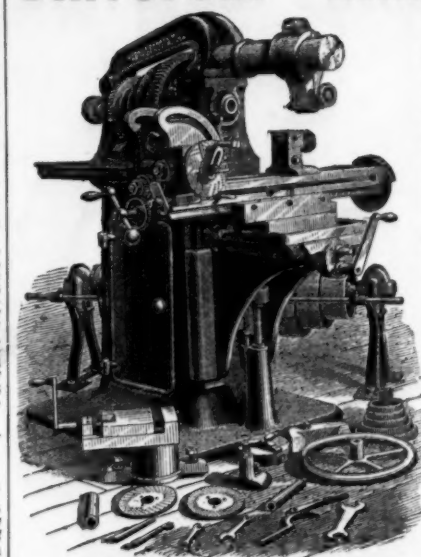
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MASSACHUSETTS.

The European war has now given some business to Worcester for the first time, the Wood & Light Machine Company having received an order for 40 lathes for gunwork, with a prospect of more.

Loring's tack manufactory, at Plymouth, which has stopped business, will probably not resume this summer.

CONNECTICUT.

The Peck, Stowe & Wilcox Company, of Southington, are building a large brick addition to their shop for the manufacture of Norway iron bolts.

An order for steel was sent to a Sheffield, England, firm by cable from Bridgeport, the steel manufactured and delivered in Bridgeport in 12 days.

Clark & Cowles' Hardware Manufactory was burned in Plainville, Friday night, the 18th, causing a loss of \$25,000. Insured for \$8600.

Norwich manufactures over 14,000 revolvers a month.

The Collins Company, of Hartford, have been awarded the government contract for the supply of axes for the Indians this year.

NEW YORK.

Work was resumed in the Star Mill and Steam Forge, owned by Corning & Co., in the lower part of Troy, on Monday night, the 21st.

A special train of eighty-three new freight and coal cars passed up over the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's railroads on Saturday. They belonged to the Cold Brook Rolling Mill Company, of the Dominion of Canada—a new institution just commencing operations on the Ottawa River—and were built at the Gardner Car Works, at Carlisle, Pa. Gilbert, Bush & Co., of Green Island, Troy, are building several new coaches and baggage cars for this company.

Witherbee, Sherman & Co., of Port Henry, have adopted the method in use in the Pittsburgh blast furnaces for the removal of slag from their stacks. It is accomplished by a revolving receptacle into which the molten slag is run, and is then carried by a crane under a hydrant, from which it is deluged with water, reducing it to a sand-like substance, and is thus cooled and rendered easy of removal.

The Bay State Iron Company, at Port Henry, resumed operations with one furnace stack Monday, the 21st. They obtain magnetic ore from the Barton and Cheever beds, near Port Henry, and hematite ore from Ulster and St. Lawrence counties. Their blast furnace when in full operation, gives work to 200 men.

NEW JERSEY.

The Port Oram Furnace is making a 20 per cent. spiegel from a mixture of Chester ore and manganese.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The article copied by us last week from the Reading Eagle, in regard to Seyfert, McManus & Co., we find upon inquiry is not in accordance with facts. We learn from the company that their employees have been paid a month's wages regularly every month this year, including the present month, and that they have no knowledge of any strike or the probability of one.

In three days, week before last, the Bethlehem Iron Company shipped 155 cars of steel rails.

A gas producer at the Chester Rolling Mills exploded on the evening of the 19th inst., causing damage to the extent of \$7000 and seriously injuring two men.

During the month of April, Messrs. E. & G. Brooke, of Birdsboro', manufactured 14,173 kegs of anchor brand nails, and shipped 17,047 kegs, being the largest number of nails ever shipped from their works in one month.

The rolls in the heating mill, at Birdsboro', used for rolling nail plate, being insufficient to roll fine iron any longer at the factory, have been taken out, and a new set substituted.

The Lancaster *New Era* says: All the mines along the Welsh Mountain, in Carnarvon township, are now strongly worked. About 150 tons of ore are daily taken out. They give employment to over 100 men. Shirk's mine ships 27 tons a day by teams to Souanna Station; Brooke's, of Birdsboro', 40 tons by rail, and Seyfert & McManus, of Reading, will ship the same quantity as soon as their siding is finished.

The Harrisburg *Patriot* says that four tubular iron tanks per day are turned out of the shops of the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Company, East Harrisburg. There are about 175 hands at work. In some of the departments, work is carried on day and night. About 100 tanks have been turned out, and the same number are yet to be constructed.

The old firm of C. Curtin & Co. have retired from the management of the Eagle Iron Works, Bellefonte, and the boys—Austin, Andrew G. Jr., James B. and Harry—have stepped into their places, under the firm name of Curtin & Co.

The iron works in South Harrisburg are working steadily, employing hundreds of hands.

At Robesonia one furnace is in blast; at Sheridan is another, and a second one about being put to work. In Reading there are four in blast, two of the Keystone Furnace Company, one of the Messrs. Eckert, and one of Seyfert, McManus & Co. Two are in blast in Birdsboro', one at Monaca, two at Pottstown, and along the East Penn things are as last reported—not all running their full capacities.

Three Whitwell stoves are being erected at Catasauqua.

The blast furnaces at Westernman's, Sharon, are both in blast and doing well.

The Keel Ridge and Stewart furnaces are running steadily.

The salamander is out of the Shenango Furnace No. 1, and workmen are repairing her up as fast as possible. It is not the intention to

take out the old lining; just patch it up and put in a new hearth and boshes. If the iron trade revives, it is said to be their intention to tear down the two old stacks and put up one 80 foot furnace in their stead that would give almost four times the producing capacity of the two furnaces there now.

The Vinton Iron Company's Slag Furnace is working smoothly, making a general average of 11 tons per day of good mill iron.

Orders have been received at the P. & R. machine shops, in Reading, for the construction of two new and large freight engines, ten-wheelers, to be finished as soon as possible.

The Reading Steam Forge, belonging to the Reading Railroad Company, is full up with work, and a double set of hands are employed.

The old furnace at Sheridan was to have blown in last week.

The Pennsylvania Furnace, at Huntingdon, has extinguished its fires, and will remain idle most of the summer.

The yield of Bessemer pig iron at the Centennial Furnace, of the Cambria Iron Works, week before last, was 578 tons. The stack is 75 feet high and 30 feet wide at the boshes.

The Paxton Rolling Mill, in South Harrisburg, has been running to its full capacity and working about 175 men for several weeks past. Much of the plate iron is sent to Roach's shipyards, at Chester. The iron for the Saratoga, recently launched, was rolled at the Paxton Mill.

The Pottstown Iron Company have been making tack iron for a Boston firm.

Joanna Furnace is running in full blast since Monday, the 14th.

The Millerstown Furnace is turning out a No. 1 quality of iron.

The workmen in the hydraulic shops of the Phoenix Iron Company, on Thursday were notified that their wages would be reduced from 15 to 18 per cent.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Messrs. J. A. Sampson and F. W. McLean have formed a copartnership and become successors to H. Straub in the hardware and cutlery business, at the old stand, No. 53 Federal street, Allegheny City. They are also manufacturers' agents for articles pertaining to the hardware trade. They are putting in a new and complete stock of goods.

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The Edgar Thomson Steel Works prove their capacity to be about double what was estimated when they were built. The total product from January 1 to May 24, 1877, was as follows: 2,300 tons steel rails and 902 tons billets. At this rate the year's product will show nearly 60,000 tons of finished rails.

The new pipe mill, of Spang, Chalfant & Co., at Etna, is working very successfully.

On Tuesday night, the 22d, the white lead works of Davis, Chambers & Co., Southside, Pittsburgh, were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about \$100,000.

There is one spike manufactory in Pittsburgh, S. Severance, running about four-fifths capacity on small railroad spikes and boat spikes. It has run full time since January 1. There are three on the Southside—Jones & Laughlin, Dilworth, Porter & Co., and J. R. Taggart. The two first are running about full capacity.

The firm of Klonan, Park & Co. has been dissolved, D. E. Park and M. S. Davis having purchased the entire interest of the former partners. D. E. Park, M. S. Davis and Edward Maxwell will continue the business under the old style.

OHIO.

At midnight of the 26th, a fire broke out in the Youngstown Rolling Mill, at Youngstown, completely consuming the whole mill. Three hundred men are thrown out of employment. The mill cost \$100,000, and was insured for \$33,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil can. The regular mill machinery and some very valuable machinery for the manufacture of cotton ties were all more or less injured. Quite a large amount of manufactured iron was destroyed.

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At Youngstown, No. 2 Himrod Furnace was blown in Wednesday, the 16th. No. 3 Himrod will remain idle until it is rebuilt or repaired. When it is repaired the company intend to make it correspond in height with the others, by raising it from 45 to 75 feet. No. 1 Himrod has been running for nearly two years past. It is now doing well, yielding about 50 tons of No. 1 iron daily. The Phoenix Furnace is doing well, making from 48 to 50 tons of No. 1 iron daily. Of the 12 furnaces 8 are in blast and doing well. The idle ones are one of Andrews Bros., at Hazelton, one of Himrod's and two of Tod's, at Brier Hill.

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It is again rumored that the Hubbard Mill will start soon.

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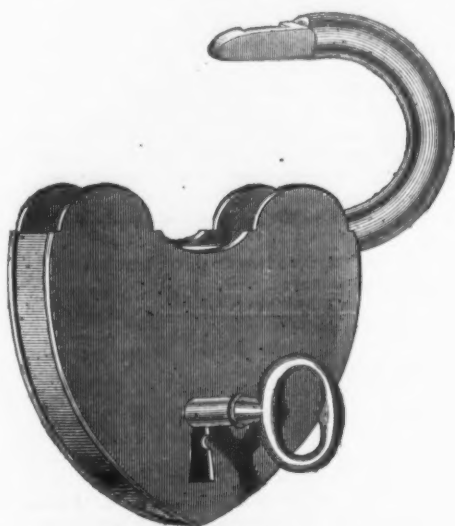
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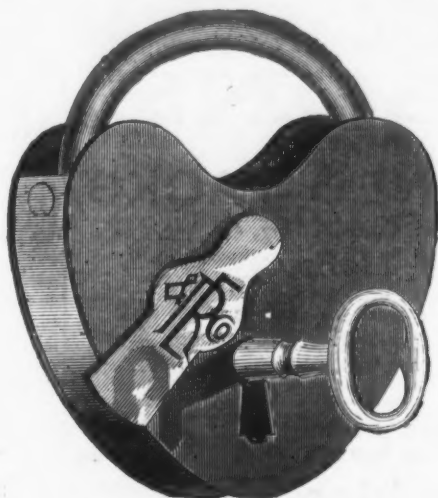
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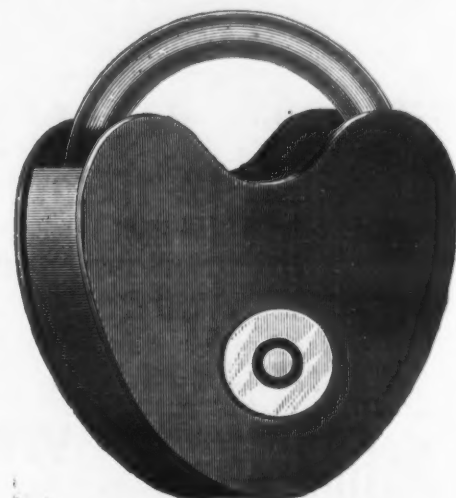
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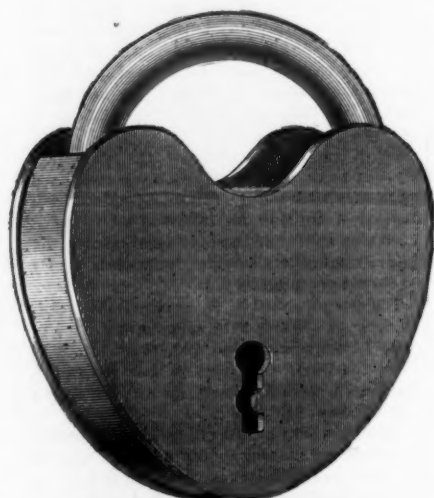
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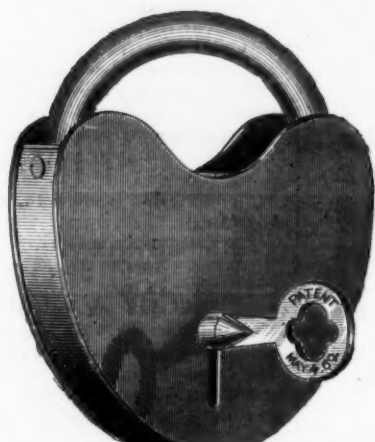
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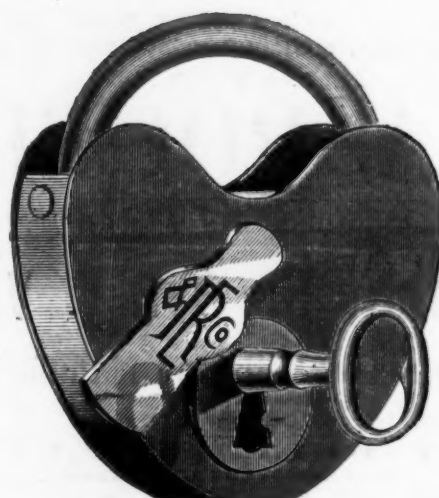
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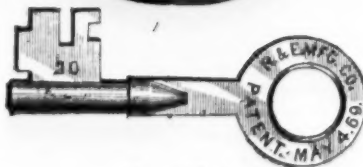


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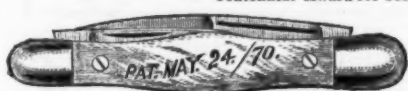
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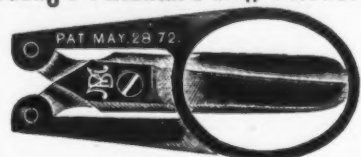
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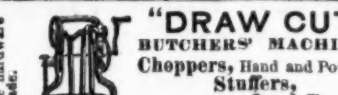
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are doing a good business this spring in the
stove manufacture, and it is rumored that a
company from Pittsburgh, Pa., are making
arrangements to start the Excelsior Stove
Foundry.All the mills at Ironton are running.
The Youngstown Register says: So far as
production is concerned, the furnaces of the
Mahoning and Shenango valleys not only held
their own in 1876, but showed an increase over
their production of 1875. In 1875 the produc-
tion in the Shenango Valley was 137,025, and
the product of the Mahoning Valley, 115,993
tons; total, 253,018 tons. In 1876 the product
of the Shenango Valley is estimated to have
been 150,000 tons, and the product of the Ma-
honing Valley 134,000 tons; total, 284,000 tons.
This gives the Shenango Valley an increase of
12,975 tons, and the Mahoning Valley an in-
crease of 18,007 tons; total increase for the
two valleys, 30,982 tons. The total capacity of
the two sections is 581,000 tons. Of 32 stacks
in the Shenango Valley, 8 are in blast, and of
22 in the Mahoning Valley, 11 are in blast.

MICHIGAN.

The following table exhibits the shipments
of iron ore from the port of Marquette for the
season, up to and including Wednesday,
May 16:

Name of mine.	IRON ORE.	Gross tons.
Republic	6,920	6,920
Lake Superior	4,222	4,222
Edwards	3,544	3,544
Rolling Mill	487	487
Carp River Quartz	1,306	1,306
Humboldt	125	125
New York	798	798
Total	17,652	17,652

The following table shows the ore shipments
from Escanaba up to and including Thursday,
May 17:

Name of mine.	IRON ORE.	Gross tons.
Jackson	5,152	5,152
New York	3,577	3,577
Angeline	2,040	2,040
Barum	3,508	3,508
Saginaw	4,319	4,319
Michigan	496	496
Lake Superior	1,379	1,379
Claiborn	1,235	1,235
Salisbury	2,252	2,252
Quartz	95	95
Total	23,814	23,814

—Mining Journal.

INDIANA.

The rail mill at New Albany is running.
Furnace No. 3 of Star Glass Works, New Al-
bany, is working.American Representation at the Paris
Exhibition.—We are pleased to learn that
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now tending in the other direction, and
that there is a large and profitable market
for American manufactures in Europe. Here-
after the facilities of their house will be em-
ployed in building up an export of American
manufactures to France and other countries of
Northern Europe. Their offer to secure space
for and undertake the sale of American goods
at the French Exhibition next year, is one of
which our manufacturers would do well to take
advantage.Work on the Brooklyn Bridge.—The
wire for the cables of the Brooklyn bridge was
taken to the top of the tower on the Brooklyn
side last week. The elevating process is accom-
plished by means of drums or windlasses. Of
these there are 32, each cable requiring eight.
Each drum holds 60,000 feet of wire, which is
covered with two coatings of oil, and after being
dried, is transferred from a small drum on the
top of the pier to a larger one. A coupling of
metal joins each coil every 1000 feet. The
strength at the point where the coils are joined
is increased by the application of a powerful
screw. A circular iron staircase is to be sub-
stituted for the present perilous wooden stair-
case. It will consist of 12 stages, each of 15
steps, and will reach half way up the tower.
It has been feared that the wooden scaffolding
might be fired, as there is a large quantity of
timber and coal not far distant.Japan is one of the natural markets for the
products and wares of the United States. Of
the civilized industrial nations of the world the
United States is the nearest. She is only 6000
miles distant, while England is 12,000, and
other industrial European countries are from
9000 to 11,000. The United States has the ad-
vantage also of two lines of steamers to
Japan, so that there is no bar to trade
for lack of direct steam transportation, as
there is in the case of South America.
Nevertheless, look at the position of the
United States in the trade of the empire.
Of the exports of Japan we take only 17 per
cent., and of her imports we furnish only 4 per
cent. England, 6000 miles further away, takes
35 per cent. of the exports, and supplies 62 per
cent. of the imports. The English have acru-
tinized the market of Japan closely, and have
sent there the things that can be sold. They
have made a thorough and sustained effort to
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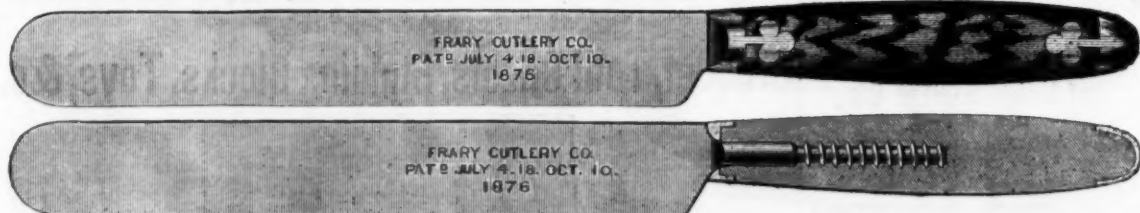
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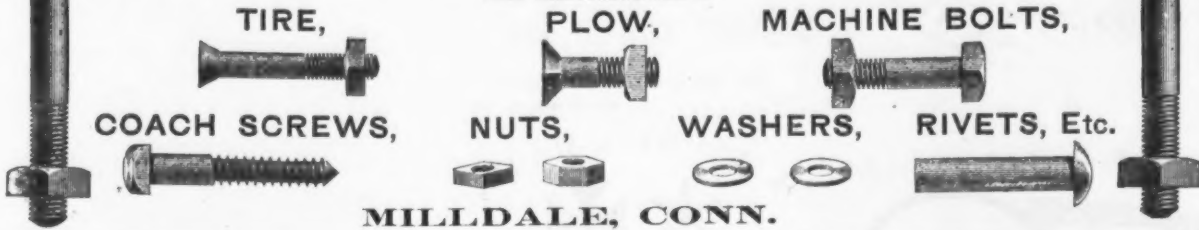
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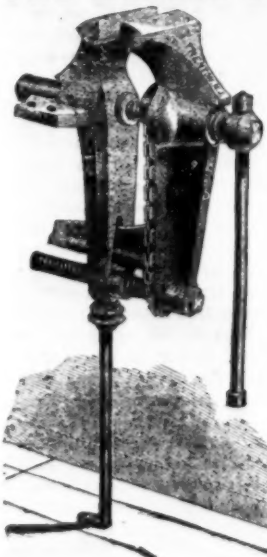
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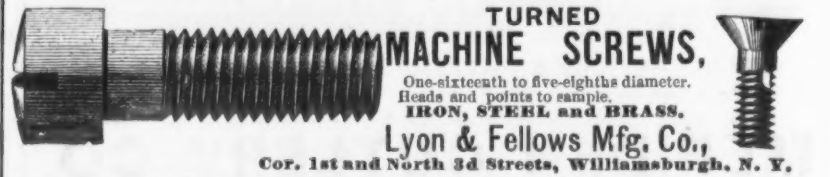
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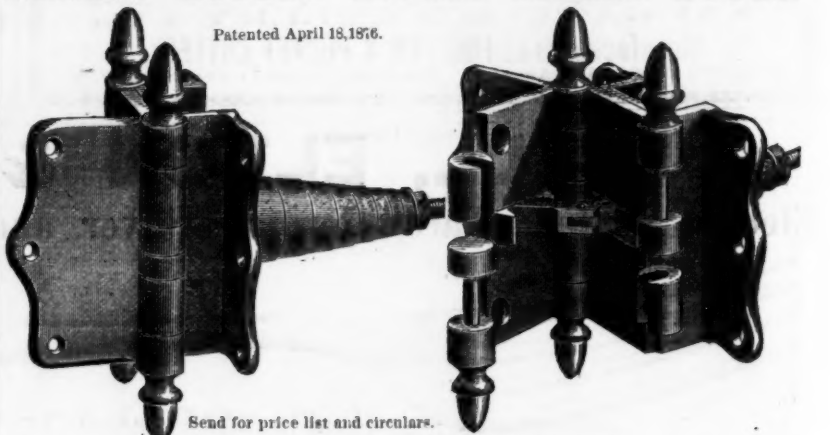
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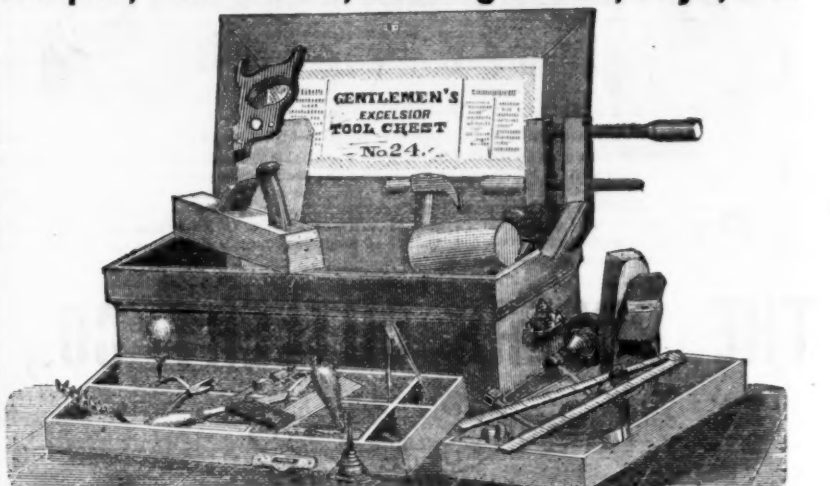
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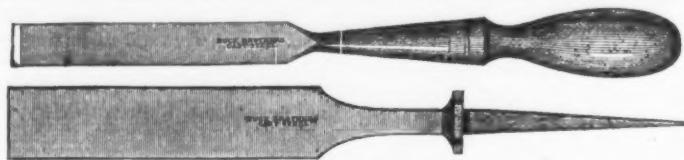
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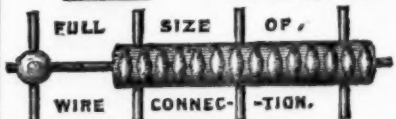
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The statistical reports of the mercantile agencies show that, of the whole number of individuals and firms in business, a somewhat larger percentage fail now than failed 20 to 30 years ago. Experience seems to show that it is more difficult to succeed in business now than in the days when our fathers began to lay the foundations of their fortunes. The statistics we can accept with confidence, as they are probably as accurate, both as to the number of those who fail and the amount of their liabilities, as any statistics can possibly be made. It is well, however, to take what seem to be the showings of experience with some caution. When we compare the past with the present, we are apt to be misled by a mistaken idea of the daily commonplace happenings of a time which antedates our own experience, and of which we know but little. It is probable that the reason for the increasing percentage of failures will be found not so much in the changed conditions of success in business, as in our different methods of seeking success, our changed ideas of what constitutes success, and our impatience of the restraints and limitations of a careful, prudent, conservative business policy. That, as we do business, it is harder to succeed now than it was a generation ago, is an obvious fact. Whether this is because we give less heed to the conditions of success is, perhaps, a question of sufficient interest to justify its consideration.

During the past few years so much capital has been diverted from the productive to the distributive industries, that nearly all branches of mercantile business are overdone. There is room for differences of opinion as to whether overproduction is possible, but it is quite evident that the facilities for the distribution of commodities can easily exceed the requirements of legitimate commerce. This is the case now and has been for some years past. The young man with capital to invest in any form of mercantile business, will be apt to have difficulty in choosing an occupation. He finds all the avenues of trade crowded by men who jostle and shoulder each other in the eager strife for a living; while the supply of those who seek employment as clerks, is always so far in excess of the demand for clerical services, that the young man who has opportunity to learn any business thoroughly and under conditions favorable to his advancement without the aid of capital, is fortunate above the average of his fellows. As the consequence, many engage in business for themselves without proper preliminary training, and the "pride of half knowledge" gives them a confidence in their business abilities which bears no just relation to their capacity.

For many reasons more capital is required to establish a business than was needed twenty or thirty years ago. Competition has cut down the margin of profit to so small a percentage that, to make a fair living, one must do a much larger trade than formerly. This necessitates the employment of a larger capital and the incurring of heavier expenses. But close competition has another and still more disastrous effect. It impels the merchant to take larger risks than he can safely assume. Almost any one willing to give a promise of payment can now-a-days get credit. What he cannot buy of one dealer he can of another, and those who can least afford to sustain the losses of bad debts are usually most ready to sell to doubtful customers on credit. Few of those who are not well established are willing to turn away a customer, however undesirable his patronage may be. In these days of high rents, when the tradesman feels it necessary to occupy the finest warehouse he can find, and to pay a rental which consumes a large percentage of his gross earnings, he must do business on a large scale, notwithstanding the risks. If not, his expenses will eat up his capital, and he must choose between the risks of loss and the certain ruin of a shrinkage in the volume of his business. Men forced to a choice of such alternatives naturally grow reckless; hence, credit is easy and failures frequent. The worst competition the honest tradesman experiences comes from those tottering on the verge of bankruptcy—and there are always some in this condition in every business. A man so situated will commonly take desperate chances. As the rule, he follows the utterly dishonest policy of buying all the goods he can and realizing on them as quickly as possible. If he can make a profit, well and good; if not, he must sacrifice them and meet maturing obligations by incurring a new and larger indebtedness. There is no meeting an illegitimate competition of this kind except by keeping out of it. The instinct of self-preservation should prompt this; if not, a due regard for the rights of his creditors should induce every honest tradesman who cannot do business with-

out continuous and increasing loss, to close his store and wind up his affairs.

Other and serious difficulties for the average business man have grown out of the increased facilities for cheap and rapid inter-communication. Commerce is so sensitive to changing influences, that events happening in the morning on one side of the ocean may appreciate or depreciate the value of merchandise on the other side before nightfall. This makes competition all the keener, and tends to defeat the best laid plans based upon a forecast of the events of the future. The merchant of today who is successful in a large way needs to be a man of large intelligence, liberal views and ripe judgment. A man may succeed without seeming to possess conspicuous ability, but successes like that of Lord Timothy Dexter, who is best remembered on account of his famous and profitable shipment of warming pans to the West Indies, are not made nowadays.

We are not of those who advocate a return to the "slow and sure" method of doing business which old men claim to have followed when they were young. There will be no need of this until, like them, we get our mails weekly and buy our merchandise one box to the invoice. There is, however, good reason why we should bear in mind some of the fundamental rules of business success which our fathers seemed to understand somewhat better than we do. The trouble with a majority of business men nowadays seems to be that, to use a common phrase, they "carry too much sail." There is a constant temptation to expand their operations beyond the limits of safety, and to leave little or no margin for the inevitable contingencies of loss and disappointment, for shrinkage in values, dullness of trade and general disaster. There is too much recklessness in assuming great risks, and too much anxiety to overreach competition by means of "corners" and speculative movements to produce artificial conditions from which a temporary advantage may be gained. Again, we have been accustomed to elegant accommodations and high rents, until we have come to regard them as indispensable. Probably we shall become wiser in these matters before long, and young men beginning business will content themselves with accommodations within their means, trusting more to industry, economy and enterprise in laying the foundations of success than to black walnut and plate glass. That it is harder now to win a legitimate success in business than it was at any previous time in our history, we do not believe. The progress of a generation has made every human undertaking easier of accomplishment than it was before science had drawn the vast and imponderable couriers of nature into the service of man. The homely virtues of industry, honesty and thrift have as great a value as factors in the equation of success as they ever had, and the young man who enters commerce to-day with a determination to succeed by diligence in business, fair dealing and strict integrity, has vastly more chances in his favor than his father or grandfather enjoyed. He cannot, however, expect in any but exceptional cases to win success by bold strokes, or to leap into fortune by brilliant speculation. And it is because so many try this hazardous experiment that the percentage of failures is greater and for larger amounts than formerly.

The Torpedo in War.

The torpedo seems about to produce as great a revolution in the construction and management of ships of war as gunpowder did some hundreds of years since in the equipment and armament of soldiers. Since 1860 there has been a "struggle between guns and armor," and although the victory after each group contest seemed to be with the guns, the plate makers have been confident that it was only a question of money to build up armor too thick for any projectile to penetrate. Relying upon the fact that there were very few great guns in the world capable of penetrating the heaviest armor plates, floating fortresses have been built or bought by all first and many second rate powers, each nation seeming to feel that it was absolutely essential to have a fleet of these unwieldy monsters for the preservation of the state. At the present moment we believe there are no vessels afloat capable of resisting at short range shot from the heaviest guns now manufactured. It is very true that heavier armor can be made, and that vessels can be built capable of floating it, but their size must be enormous, and the power required to drive them, even at a very moderate speed, must be proportionately large. But we have no assurance that the limit of the power of guns has been reached, and iron-clads which to-day are invulnerable may next year be penetrable by new and more powerful guns.

In spite of this, foreign powers have continued to waste money upon structures which it is almost certain will, in the course of three or four years, be superseded if the improvement in artillery continues. It would seem that the torpedo must put an end to all this. A boat, light and fast, and much too small for a target, but armed with a torpedo, has on more than one occasion utterly destroyed a powerful iron-clad. The following extract from one of the morning papers, is an illustration of what a torpedo boat may do:

On the night of May 25 the Russian boats left Braila. They are called "gunboats" in the dispatch; but it must be remembered they are craft which the Russians carried with them in sections, and which have been put together since they have been on the Danube. Lieutenant Denbasoff ran his little craft under the guns of the Turkish monitors at Matchin and exploded a torpedo under the largest one, which damaged, but did not altogether cripple her; then another boat of the expedition gave the same monitor a second torpedo, and she went down in 10 minutes. Evidently the Turks were as brave as they were helpless, for they continued their fire till the water stopped the muzzles of their guns; yet this tenacious persistence was delivered so utterly at random that the little Russian craft alongside received no harm.

The Turkish boats were probably but lightly armored, but this makes little difference, since they were sufficiently powerful to have utterly destroyed the little craft that attacked them had the fight been with guns only. A torpedo launch which can make from 18 to 20 miles per hour, is not costly—in fact, could be built for less than a single gun of the largest size—and two or three of them could probably disable the largest and most powerful iron-clad afloat.

So important has this torpedo warfare become that Mr. E. J. Reed has recently discussed at some length the possibility of protecting a vessel's whole hull with armor. To do this it will be necessary to use a form for hull which shall approach that of the Russian circular iron-clads in order to get sufficient flotation power to carry it. Even with a vessel one hundred feet in diameter and with a draught of twenty feet, the plating could, if we remember the figures aright, be but thirteen inches in thickness. A ship of ordinary form could barely float with such a load, to say nothing of carrying engines and armament. But even this thickness is no guarantee against destruction by torpedoes, nor would it be safe to depend upon twice that thickness for absolute protection. The attack at sea is manifestly stronger than the defense, following the same rule that prevails upon the land, and the introduction of armor has done but little service, merely strengthening it for the time being. An unarmored vessel, built for speed, but carrying an armament of the heaviest guns and having powerful engines, would in all probability in an engagement prove herself far superior to any iron-clad afloat. By dispensing with the armor the speed can be increased beyond that of any iron-clad, and they could thus choose their own positions. The target such a ship presents to the enemy can be very small, and as long as she keeps in rapid motion the chances of her being struck are trifling. Against torpedo boats or torpedoes launched from such a craft, an iron-clad would be powerless. In the war ship of the future speed and easy handling are qualities which are far more likely to be the objects sought for than protection against shot and shell. The torpedo is likely to be met by the torpedo, however, and it would not be surprising if, under such circumstances, in a naval engagement half the force engaged went to the bottom. By the use of the torpedo it is quite possible that the defense of harbors may become superior to the attack, thus reversing the present order of affairs.

Professor Raymond and The Iron Age.

At the Wilkesbarre meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers Prof. R. W. Raymond made some remarks which we cannot refrain from noticing. Alluding to our recent articles on the policy of the Institute in regard to its system of publication, he said that *The Iron Age* had lately "reiterated" its "malignant falsehoods" after he had "taken the pains to show the conductors of 'that journal their utter lack of truth.'" These may not be the exact words employed by Prof. Raymond, but they certainly represent fairly his angry and intemperate language. As no notice whatever was taken of his remarks by any one present, and several members afterward expressed a feeling of mortification, which we believe was general, we could very well afford to ignore them entirely, were it not that we desire to repel an imputation which, as Prof. Raymond knows, has not only no foundation in fact, but is glaringly and conspicuously untrue. Our conduct of the late discussion has been fair and honest in a marked degree. It was begun only when our representative was denied the facilities necessary for re-

porting the meetings of the Institute. Mr. Raymond's reply to our first article was a personal attack on Mr. Weeks, charging him with bad faith in the publication of Mr. Bell's paper, and ending with a bitter insult to *The Iron Age*. Finding that there were some statements in our article which, though made in good faith, seemed to be too broad and general, we printed an article retracting such statements, as Mr. Raymond said in his next issue, "hand-somely," "promptly" and "fully." In the same number of the *Journal*, however, appeared a letter from Mr. Weeks explicitly denying the charge of bad faith made against him, and detailing all the circumstances of the transaction. The only notice this received from Mr. Raymond was a supercilious and insulting refusal to discuss the matter. Our subsequent articles have consisted in a discussion of the policy of the Institute in regard to the publication of its papers, in which we have made no statements that are not either obviously true, or susceptible of abundant proof, and it is worth noticing that we have reprinted all the articles on the subject that have appeared in the *Journal*, while not one of ours has appeared in it.

At the Wilkesbarre meeting, when Mr. Weeks demanded an investigation of his action in regard to Mr. Bell's paper, Prof. Raymond was the only member who opposed it, alleging that the printing of Mr. Week's letter, before-mentioned, was all the vindication he ought to expect, and expressing his opinion that the matter was entirely too small to occupy the attention of a committee of the Institute. With the exception of Mr. Raymond, the matter was, we believe, unanimously referred to the Council for investigation.

Should Prof. Raymond find anything unpleasant in this article, we beg to remind him that his remarks at the Wilkesbarre meeting were distinctly and offensively personal, and that throughout the discussion he has done all in his power to make it bitter and acrimonious. It has certainly afforded us no satisfaction, and we regret that the necessity for it ever existed; but the reform we sought to promote, and to which Prof. Raymond alluded so contemptuously in a recent issue of his paper, was essential to the welfare of the Institute, and we trust that our efforts will not be without good results.

We are glad to see everywhere manifested a disposition to mete impartial justice to the thugs who commit crimes in the interest of the labor unions. The terrible spectacle of the simultaneous execution of five Molly Maguire murderers on the 21st prox., will doubtless have the effect of frightening the turbulent element in the anthracite district into a due respect for the power of the law and the rights of those whom the law protects. It was long deemed impossible to secure the conviction of any member of this order charged with crime committed in its interest, and law-abiding citizens have lived in daily fear of the unseen force which made itself felt in so many ways. That so many of these desperate men with blood-stained hands have been brought to the bar of the civil courts, convicted and sentenced, shows that there is yet hope for the safety of life and property in the mining districts. In Troy the union molders have lately followed the bad example of the Mollie Maguires, and are likely to earn the same wages. On Friday last a union molder, implicated in one of the numerous recent assaults upon the non-union molders working in the foundries, was convicted and sentenced to ten years imprisonment at hard labor in Clinton Prison. These warnings will not be without effect upon the turbulent spirits who have gained boldness in crime from long immunity from its consequences. The man who does not want to work has a perfect right to stand idle, so long as he does not become a pauper; but when by acts of violence, or even by threats and intimidation, he seeks to drive others away from the labor by which they earn support for themselves and families, he becomes a criminal, and the organizations for which he acts are like incendiary torches, to be stamped out and trodden into the earth.

Dr. Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, furnishes some interesting statistics of our commerce for April. The aggregate imports and exports of merchandise for the month were: total exports, \$44,515,439; total imports, \$42,662,696; for the 10 months of the current fiscal year the exports of merchandise were valued at \$514,799,053; the imports, \$357,584,817, showing an excess of exports over imports of over \$157,000,000. In the 10 months there was an excess of the exports of coin and bullion over imports of \$2,824,145. The statistics of our trade with Great Britain during the four months ended with April show a considerable

shrinkage in volume and values. As compared with the first four months of 1876 the decrease in cotton piece goods amounts to 2476 yards; linen piece goods, 241,800 yards; woolen cloth, 234,800 yards; worsted stuffs, 6,399,500 yards; manufactures of jute, 4,075,200 yards; carpets, 351,000 yards; hardware and cutlery, \$213,605. Other articles show a corresponding decrease, as, for instance, beer and ale, of which 3051 barrels less were received in the United States during the four months in 1876 than in the corresponding period of last year. Silk broad-stuffs show an increase of 39,907 yards; iron and manufactures of iron an increase of 2133 tons, and tin plates an increase of 3741 tons. These figures are quite satisfactory, and indicate a sustained improvement in the condition and prospects of our foreign trade relations.

On the 29th the long overdue steamer, the City of Brussels arrived at Liverpool. When a few days out from New York she had the misfortune to break her shaft, which of course totally disabled her. The voyage under sail was a long one, for although the City of Brussels is a very fast boat, her great length, small breadth of beam and light spars combine to make her slow and unhandy under sail alone. This is the second accident of the kind that has happened to this vessel, each one causing a long voyage under sail. The frequency with which ocean steamers are disabled by the breaking of shafts and propellers, is so great as to demand serious attention and consideration. Many persons seem to consider it useless to attempt the construction of a shaft and propeller which shall be strong enough to stand the strain brought upon it in heavy sea way. This same opinion was held in regard to paddle machinery by the first engine builders in England who built the engines for the earlier packets which crossed the Irish sea. Almost every storm disabled them, and at first this was regarded as a part of the inevitable. John Bourne gives, in some of his reminiscences, a very interesting account of how the firm with which he was at that time connected looked at the matter, and finally built an engine that was strong enough for the work. Many of the propellers in use to-day, while amply able to resist any strain the engine can put upon them in legitimate work, are too weak to be trusted in a heavy sea. The wonder is that they last so long. We have known many vessels sent to sea with propellers cast from a common grade of foundry iron—good enough for use in pleasant weather or still water, but far too brittle for safety in case of a severe storm. Shafts, from a false notion of economy, are often made smaller than they should be. If such weak constructions must be used, certainly the rolling mill practice of a breaking piece should be introduced, by which the breaking of an important part is prevented by allowing a weak member, of which duplicates are provided, to give way. Usually the cost of one break down is great enough to pay for good material and plenty of it in both shafts and propeller. In the case of the City of Brussels one item of loss alone is stated at \$30,000, or upward.

Yesterday's dispatches report a strike imminent upon the Pennsylvania Railroad among the locomotive engineers belonging to the Brotherhood. Both the engineers and the officers of the road are very reticent in regard to the matter and decline to make any statements. It seems probable, however, that the Brotherhood are about to make a desperate struggle to maintain the supreme control of railroad engineers which they have held for so long. The men composing the Brotherhood are the finest, considered as a class, of any which have ever formed a trade union in this or any other country. Intelligent, sober and industrious, in the receipt of large wages, they are a power in the land of no small importance. Their leaders appear to be carried away with the power of the union, and seem to think it is too great to be broken. A single road or a half dozen roads cannot well resist them; but they are misusing their power to such an extent, and are so overstepping the legitimate province of their association, that they have become the enemies of the whole commonwealth, and before long they will find that not the railroads, but society is at war with them. One result only can follow unless a rapid and sudden change in their policy takes place, and that is the total destruction of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. From present appearances there is no prospect that they will take warning in season.

War helps a great many trades. A paper concern in Ohio has an order for 250 tons of paper for cartridges for Turkey, and a Pennsylvania town is shipping about 600 tons of spelter to Europe as fast as it can be made, also for cartridges.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERS.

Abstract of Proceedings at the Wilkes-Barre Meeting.

Can We Transmit Power in Large Amounts by Electricity?

Mr. Keith in introducing his paper stated that the question was suggested by Dr. Siemens' statement regarding the transmission of energy electrically, a continuous rod of copper 30 miles long and 3 inches in diameter being capable of transmitting 1000 horse-power.

As a preliminary to consideration of the subject, the science of the correlation of the forces was summarized. Proceeding with the discussion, Mr. Keith stated that while there was but one electricity there are two conditions of it, namely, static, which is electricity at rest, but under high tension, and voltaic or galvanism, which is a mode of motion. For perspicuity we use other names, as frictional, chemical, voltaic, magnetic, &c. As chemical and thermic electricity are too costly for our purpose we must consider the magnetic and dynamic.

As an entity electricity does not exist; it is a signification simply. Disabusing one's mind of the idea that it is a current or flow of something, the probability is that the electric current is molecular change of form, caused by tension upon the atoms composing the molecules in the direction of disrupting them. Energy, when used as electricity, is called electro-motive force. This varies in degree with its tension. The tension of a spring may illustrate the electro-motive force of static electricity, which imparts its changed energy with a single impulse. A suspended weight released, increases its speed with each foot of fall, and consequently, its force and effective quantity. So with voltaic electricity; each cell in circuit increases the speed and quantity of current. In case of dynamic electricity each increment of circuit securing electric impulse, adds to speed and quantity of current.

The resistance which matter offers to change of form or management, and which is specific for each substance, has been tabulated—as to the electro-motive force—relatively in the cases of metals common in the arts and of the important alloys. Copper and silver offer the least resistance. Heat increases the resistance about 2 1/2 of 1 per cent. per degree Fah.

Ohm's law was stated to be "that the current of electricity is the result obtained by dividing electro-motive force by resistance; thus, $E = \frac{C}{R}$."

The unit of electro-motive force is called a volt. The unit of resistance is called an Ohm. A wire of pure copper 60465 feet in length and 1/4 inch in diameter has a resistance of one Ohm. The unit of current or quantity is called a weber, or viber. One volt of electro-motive force forces one viber of electric current through a circuit of one Ohm resistance, requiring to do so 473 foot pounds of energy, with a development of 6 units of heat in the circuit in 6338 seconds. The heat set free is the exact measure of the force used. Chemical decomposition is the measure of current heat of electro-motive force multiplied by current. Increasing definitely the amount of electro-motive force, and at the same time keeping resistance as low as possible, we may use a definite amount of energy and distribute it as heat throughout the circuit in proportion to the special resistance of its parts, and utilize it as mechanical power. The object of increase in E at the expense of C, is that we may save in weight of copper constituting the conductor.

If we alternately magnetize and demagnetize a core of soft uncarbonized iron within a coil of copper wire, we will get a succession of discharges of magnetism through the copper coil, utilized as electricity. While the core is acquiring magnetism there is no current in the coil, as there is no magnetic resistance to motion which requires force to overcome. As soon as it begins to lose magnetism an electric current is induced in the coil, which we may cause to do work by proper mechanical appliances. The coil and core are heated and the amount of heat is the measure of the mechanical force used, less that due to friction of the journals. If the circuit is made complete by a conductor, then the heat will be divided between the coil and conductor in proportion to their respective resistance. If this conductor be the coils of an electro-motor, the heat due to it can be utilized as work less loss by conversion.

Having laid down the general requirements, Mr. Keith proceeded to plan a theoretical machine to answer Dr. Siemens' requirements. The resistance of wire of the same diameter being in direct proportion to its length, from a previous statement, 30 miles of 1/4 inch wire would have 26 Ohm's resistance, but as it also decreases in proportion to the square of the diameters, a three inch rod would have a resistance of .15 Ohm if of pure copper at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

The energy of 1000 horse-power is 33,000,000 foot pounds per minute, and of 1 viber current 44.24 foot pounds per minute, so it will require 746,000 viber current, or their equivalent in energy to utilize 1000 horse-power as electricity for dynamic purposes. We may therefore use electro-motive force of 1000 volts, resistance of 1.34 Ohms, and a current of 746 viber; thus $E = 746$ C. In other words, the dynamic equivalent of 746,000 viber may be had by multiplying the electro-motive force 1000 by the current 746.

From known facts Mr. Keith deduces that 1000 volts electro-motive force will take 25,000 feet in length of copper wire or strips

*Abstract of a paper read at the May meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, by N. S. Keith.

weighing 1.2 pounds per foot length, or in all 30,000 pounds. This will have a resistance of .66 Ohm. It should be wound about a core of iron weighing 10,000 pounds. This core and coil must be revolved between the poles of an electro-magnet, having such an attraction for the armature as to call for the expenditure of 1000 horse-power in revolving it. Such a magnet will weigh probably 60,000 pounds and have a like weight of copper in its coils. The necessity for a smaller magnet, revolved between the poles of a smaller magnet, to excite or magnetize the larger magnet, was shown. From various considerations Mr. Keith deduces that it is necessary to make the resistance of the machine .50 Ohm, necessitating a weight of copper coils per foot of 3.17 pounds—a total of 79,200 pounds—with a weight of iron about 70,000 pounds. The cost of this apparatus will be as follows:

Machine.....\$40,000
Conductor.....1,411,800
Motor.....35,200

The energy of 1000 horse-power generating the electric current is distributed as follows: The armature absorbs 492.5 horse-power; the conductor, 134.3; the motor, 373.2. This last amount is all that can be utilized with this arrangement, even if there is no loss.

Mr. Keith considered various resistances, reaching the results that under no circumstances could the full power expended be utilized, but that, with a larger conductor or shorter distance, the proportion of horse-power absorbed by the motor could be increased.

Mr. Keith concludes that at least half of the energy expended in a magneto-electric or dynamo-electric machine at a waterfall, may be used at a distance by an electro-magnetic motor as mechanical power.

DISCUSSION ON MR. KEITH'S PAPER.

Mr. Holley stated that he had heard Dr. Siemens' paper, and the theory advanced, coming as it did from such an eminent authority, had been received and largely commended by the scientific press and other journals, such as the London Times, without going into the calculations necessary to prove its correctness. He was pleased to see the subject taken up by an American engineer, and congratulated the Institute that it had put Dr. Siemens on the defensive.

Mr. Keith stated that his purpose in presenting the subject to the Institute was to attract their attention to electricity, the applications of which are being largely increased and the possibility of its application very great. As instances, he mentioned its application to blasting, in the telephone, and in metallurgy in the treatment of copper ores.

Prof. Raymond desired to ask a question or two. If I correctly understand the course of the argument, there is a constant loss in the transmission of the electro-motive force that is directly proportional to the distance. Am I correct?

Mr. Keith: If size remains the same.

Prof. Raymond: This being so, if a conductor of greater length than 30 miles—the cost of which is \$1,411,800 in a total cost of \$1,455,000—is used, the resistance will soon be so great as to absorb the power. This is a death blow to Dr. Siemens' theory. If the cost of transmission and loss of power are so great at 30 miles, when we attempt to transmit power to greater distances, as to the coal regions, these will be so large as to prohibit such transmission. So for transmission of large amounts of power, the method proposed by Dr. Siemens will hardly come into use; but for small amounts and small distances it may. For example, when it is necessary to keep the source of power at a distance from the place of application, as we have had an example to-day at Gen. Oliver's powder mill. Another example would be in its application to domestic purposes. In regard to the application of electricity to electro-metallurgy, I would like to ask regarding its application to nickel ores.

Mr. Keith: It is almost impossible to precipitate nickel alone. If copper is present it will be precipitated first; if iron and nickel, they will be precipitated together.

Mr. Munroe: At Philadelphia my attention was called to the feasibility of the transmission of power, by an exhibitor of a dynamic machine. I was told, though I do not vouch for the truth of the statement, that an attempt was made to transmit power from one of these machines over the tin roof of the building, and to use the power to drive a Burleigh drill. It was stated that the power transmitted was about 6 horse-power.

Mr. Keith spoke of the various applications of electricity shown at the Centennial, and also of its use at Wallace's, at Ansonia, Conn., in depositing copper on wire.

Mr. E. B. Cox: The method of transmitting power referred to in the paper, would be very valuable in mines. Power is very often needed in stopes and shafts for temporary purposes—say, for three or four weeks' time or less—and some such method as this would be very serviceable.

Notes on Fire Brick Stoves for Blast Furnaces.

In introducing his paper, Mr. Hartman spoke of the two systems of heating the blast. 1st. The double surface, consisting of a cast iron pipe heated on the outer surface and the heat abstracted on the inner at the same time, giving a continuous effect, simple in operation, but limited to a heat of 1100° maximum. 2d. The single surface, in which large surfaces of fire-brick are heated and the air passed over the same; a more complex system than the other, the air and gas being reversed every 1 1/2 hours. The advantages of the latter system are: 1st. A maximum temperature of 1800°. 2d. Indestructibility of stoves.

Recent experiments have shown that 1300° to 1400° is the best average heat for economy of

*Abstract of a paper read before the May meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, by J. M. Hartman.

coal and safe working. This is equivalent to 1 1/2 to 2 cwt. of coal per ton of iron over the extreme limit of cast iron stoves.

An additional advantage is possessed in the ability to pour into the furnace in one hour's time air heated to 1800°, when from any cause, such as leaky tuyeres, scaffolds or heavy burdens, the hearth is getting cold. Examples of its effect in restoring a furnace to its proper working, when disordered from these and other causes, were given, showing that the higher heat it is possible to pour into the furnace the same result can be obtained as is obtained by a change of burden, without the delay necessary in such a change traveling from the tunnel head.

For some years Mr. Hartman stated he had been collecting the results of the working of brick stoves, declining to give up iron stoves until good results could be obtained with the brick stoves, both at home and abroad. The Cedar Point Iron Company have demonstrated that they can save fuel by the brick stoves, and we find that the failure at other places is due to the stoves being too small. At Cedar Point there are four stoves 22x30 feet, with a heating surface of 35,200 feet. Their average heat is 1375°, with maximum of 1750°. They have 4 feet heating surface to each cubic foot of air per minute, and get a carbon duty of 3.13 on a basis of No. 3 iron. They change a stove or furnace every two hours, and leave off escaping gas at 200°. At Rising Fawn, Ga., with three stoves, 18x30, containing 17,400 feet surface, they average but 1000°, with 1200° for maximum. They have two square feet surface for each cubic foot of air, and get a carbon duty of 2.35. Their escaping gas goes off at 650°, which is a loss of 450° in the gas, and 375° in the blast, changing stoves every hour.

It has been found on using 9 inch walls, and changing every two hours, that the heat being reduced to a minimum, and stoves shut up, that in three hours or so the exterior of walls becomes hot. This was repeated twice in succession, showing the necessity of thinner walls and increased surface, as the storage of heat in the interior of the walls is not available in the time required to lower temperature to minimum, owing to the slow conducting power of the fire brick.

The valves of the stove require constant attention. When bell and hopper are used the temperature of the escaping gas is so low that there is no danger of harming the gas valve. When the heating surface is small, and the escaping gas goes off at high temperature, the chimney valve must be cooled with water. The hot-blast valve may be cooled either by water or cold-blast, the water, however, being objectionable from the liability to explosions in case of leakage.

Mr. Hartman stated that after a careful comparison of stoves he had taken up the Siemens-Cowper-Cochran stoves. The cellular arrangement of these stoves gives a large surface of contact, while the thinness of the walls admits of heat being abstracted thoroughly, so that there is no waste stowage that is not available in the 1 1/2 hours the stove is on furnace. We propose 3 stoves—2 on gas—and use 5 ft. surface to each cubic foot of air. This will allow escaping gases to go off at 150°. When one stove of a set of 10,000 ft. capacity per minute is heated up it contains 127,631,000 F. calories, and the blast abstracts from it in 1 1/2 hours, 19,890,000 calories. The regenerator alone contains 63,233,300 calories when heated up, and not more than one-half its capacity will be exhausted when clean, to give the desired temperature. There are five valves to operate, which is less than on other stoves. There being but one flame flue, perfect combustion is secured with one air-valve. The hot-blast valve is cooled by a small current of cold air. The absence of water in all of the valves is a strong point in their favor. By the use of two simple dust-catchers in the down flue and blowing through the ovens once a week, the Ebbw Vale Works find their stoves as efficient at the end of two years as when started. Mr. Cowper has found that firing a gun into the stove while blast is on, is a good means of cleaning the dust by the vibration of the passing current. The most effectual cleaning is with a steel brush weighted, attached to a small wire rope and dropped down through each hole. To avoid the objection that the projection of the brick in the regenerator cells affords a good opportunity for the collection of dust, we propose beveling off these corners. The thin walls of the regenerator offer to the gas and air five-sixths of their surface, while a brick built in a 9 inch wall offers only one-sixth. It is this dividing the air into thin strips that so effectually heats the blast. To avoid the variation of temperature in changing stoves, I propose to introduce a certain amount of cold air by means of an automatic valve. The cost of these stoves complete, where No. 1 fire brick is \$34 per 1000, is about \$3 per cubic foot air per minute, and if built to run only 1100°, they can be made at same cost as iron stoves, and are more durable.

Mr. Cochrane, of Dudley, England, writes that after trials of 9 to 11 months he finds the following results: Furnace 23x76, 30,000 feet capacity, 900°=25 1/2 cwt. coke to ton iron; 1100°=23 1/2 cwt.; 1300°=20 1/2 cwt.; 1500°=20 cwt., and in larger furnaces they get the total consumption lower.

DISCUSSION ON MR. HARTMAN'S PAPER.

Mr. Pechin called attention to the fact that Mr. Whitwell had recently reduced the cost of building his stoves by diminishing the diameter and increasing the height, which enabled him to dispense with a portion of the expensive ironwork at the bottom of the stoves.

Mr. Birkenbine referred to the erection of some Whitwell stoves at Cataqua, and thought that he could undertake to erect good iron stoves at a much less price.

Mr. Raymond described the stoves used at

Durham. They got 900° out of these regularly, but should have no difficulty in getting 1000°.

Mr. Hartman stated that these stoves at Durham were capable of carrying 1100°. These stoves have some peculiarities, and exceed in their work any iron stoves I have ever seen. Through the peculiar way in which the gas is burned, the pipes are all a beautiful red glow.

Mr. Pechin: How do you know you get 1100°?

Mr. Hartman: We can melt zinc 3 or 4 inches off. In an 18x30 Cowper stove we have twice the heating surface that we have in any other brick stove. Another advantage of the Cowper is that it presents less resistance to the passage of the gas than the Whitwell.

Note on Cost of Six Regenerative Furnaces Built in 1875, at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, near Pittsburgh, for Heating Steel Ingots and Blooms.

These furnaces are of the ordinary Siemens type, and present no special peculiarities. The bed of each is 8x20 ft. in the clear, inside of walls and ports.

The producers are placed 200 feet from the furnaces, and the gas collected in an iron tube and led across the yard under ground. A considerable weight of floor plate for covering this tube is included in account 39, but none of the general stock of floor plates. In the smaller table is shown the money cost of the furnaces. The larger one shows the proportion of each account to each of the several items or classes of expenditures named. The regular work of these furnaces for January and February of this year, was 77 rounds per week of 66 blooms each, or 4620 36-ft. rails per week. Each furnace will heat eight 14 inch ingots for three rails each at one time:

COST OF SIEMENS FURNACE.

Items.	Class.	Accounts.				
		35	36	37	38	39
1 Lime.....	1266	.....	.....	0.34	.....
2 Sand.....	126	.....	018	0155	.....
3 Cement.....	139	.....	149	0.34	.....
4 Rubble and concrete.....	186	.....	384	10.6	.....
5 Red brick.....	123	.....	400	254	4.52
6 Fire brick and clay.....	370	.....	.....	4.98	.....
7 Bricklaying.....	213	.....	166	1532	.....
8 Skilled labor.....	941	037	943	0754	0261
9 Common labor.....	837	047	948	0422	0627
10 Teams.....	028	000	077	0400	.....
11 Bar iron.....	069	.....	.....	0249	.....
12 Castings.....	312	094	.....	5654	.....
13 Plate iron.....	007	036	.....	1177	.....
14 Cooling tubes.....	430	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Iron beams.....	016	.....	.....	0103	.....
16 Valves.....	1865	.....
17 Charging hopper.....	425	.....	.....	.....	.....
18 Lumber.....	013	.....	001	006	.....
19 Hardware.....	0073	.....
Total.....	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

Account.	Class.	Money.	Per ct.
35 Producer brickwork.....	\$5,087	112
36 " castings.....	9,096	138
37 Gas flue.....	4,777	966
38 Furnace brickwork.....	29,705	414
39 " castings.....	19,472	270
Total.....	\$72,037	1000

REMARKS ON MR. BARNES' PAPER.

Mr. A. L. Helley, who read this paper, or, as he termed it, "note," in the absence of Mr. Barnes, expressed his opinion as to the great importance of such estimates as this and others presented at previous meetings by Mr. Barnes. In his own profession he had found such estimates particularly useful in estimating cost. Many of the members of the Institute had such estimates, or could make them with very little trouble, as they would have most of the data, and he urged members to present such tables of cost of work in their line at future meetings.

Mr. S. J. Randall on our South American Trade.—Hon. S. J. Randall, in a letter to the leading citizens of Galveston, says: The time has come, in my opinion, when the policy of the government should be to enlarge our trade relations with Mexico and with the Central and South American States. It is well for us to study the statistics of the trade between these countries and the markets of the world, from which we find that the people of the United States are not receiving a due share of the commerce of the countries I have named. We need more favorable commercial relations and more comprehensive trade connections with other nations. Let me cite a few figures to prove the truthfulness of my assertion. The public documents show the foreign commerce of the countries lying south of the United States on the American continent to be about \$530,000,000. Our share of this amount is about \$112,000,000, of which only about \$37,000,000 is transported in American vessels and under the American flag. Such a statement should at once arouse our people from their lethargy. The war stimulated the manufacturing facilities of the North enormously, and only by the adoption of such a policy can we keep up the activity of our manufacturing districts and secure a market for our productions. It is a discredit to our enlightenment that we as a people stand quietly by and do not make sufficient endeavor to increase our meager share of this important trade. When the extended policy to which I have referred is inaugurated, as it must and will be, then will your city, your State and the entire coast of the Gulf, receive the advantages which nature has bespoken for them.

The Time Lock Patents.—The two interference cases, involving the right to a patent for an improvement in "time locks" for safes, vaults, &c., between James Sargent, of New York, and the Yale Lock Manufacturing Company, assignee of John Burge, which have been pending in the Patent Office, and which were argued before the commissioner on final appeal a few weeks ago, were both decided on the 26th inst. by Gen. S. P. Sargent, Commissioner of Patents, in favor of Sargent, thus ending a long and vigorously contested controversy. The decision of the commissioner in both cases affirms that of the Examiner of Interferences and of the Board of Examiners in Chief.

*Abstract of a paper presented at the May meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, by F. Barnes.

Prehistoric Science and Art.

In an address lately delivered before the Section of Biology of the British Association, Mr. A. R. Wallace presented the following interesting facts:

It is a somewhat curious fact that, while all modern writers admit the great antiquity of man, most of them maintain the very recent development of his intellect, and will hardly contemplate the possibility of men equal in mental capacity to ourselves having existed in prehistoric times. This question is generally assumed to be settled by such relics as have been preserved of the manufacturers of the olden races, showing a lower and lower state of the arts—by the successive disappearance in olden times of iron, bronze and pottery, and by the ruder forms of the older flint implements. The weakness of this argument has been well shown by Mr. Albert Mott in his very original but little known presidential address to the Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool, in 1873. He maintains that "our most distant glimpses of the past are still of a world peopled as now with men both civilized and savage," and "that we have often entirely misread the past by supposing that the outward signs of civilization must always be the same, and must be such as are found among ourselves." In support of this view he adduces a variety of striking facts and ingenious arguments, a few of which I will briefly summarize. On one of the most remote islands of the Pacific—Easter Island—2000 miles from South America, 2000 from the Marquesas, and more than 1000 from the Gambier Islands, are found hundreds of gigantic stone images, now mostly in ruins, some 30 or 40 feet high, while some seem to have been much larger, the crowns or their heads cut out of red stone, being sometimes 10 feet in diameter, while even the head and neck of one is said to have been 20 feet high. These once stood erect on extensive stone platforms, yet the island has only an area of about 30 square miles, or considerably less than Jersey. Now as one of the smallest images—8 feet high—weighs 4 tons, the largest must weigh over 100 tons, if not much more; and the existence of such vast works implies a large population, abundance of food, and an established government. Yet how could these coexist in a mere speck of land wholly cut off from the rest of the world? Mr. Mott maintains that this necessarily implies the power of regular communication with larger islands or a continent, the arts of navigation and civilization much higher than now exist in any part of the Pacific. Very similar remains in other islands scattered widely over the Pacific, add weight to this argument. The next example is that of the ancient mounds and earthworks of the North American continent, the bearing of which is even more significant.

Over the greater part of the extensive Mississippi Valley four well marked classes of these earthworks occur. Some are camps or works of defense, situated on bluffs, promontories, or isolated hills; others are vast inclosures in the plains and lowlands, often of geometric forms, and having attached to them roadways or avenues often miles in length; a third are mounds corresponding to our tumuli, often 70 to 90 feet high, and some of them covering acres of ground, while a fourth group consist of representations of various animals modeled in relief on a gigantic scale, and occurring chiefly in an area somewhat to the northwest of the other classes, in the plains of Wisconsin.

The first class—the camps or fortified inclosures—resemble in general features the ancient camps of our own islands, but far surpass them in extent. Fort Hill, in Ohio, is surrounded by a wall and ditch a mile and a half in length, part of the way cut through solid rock. Artificial reservoirs for water were made within it, when at one extremity, on a more elevated point, a keep is constructed with its separate defenses and water reservoirs. Another, called Clark's work, in the Scioto Valley, which seems to have been a fortified town, incloses an area of 17 acres, the embankments measuring 3 miles in length, and containing not less than 3,000,000 cubic feet of earth. This area incloses numerous sacrificial mounds and symmetrical earthworks in which many interesting relics and works of art have been found. The second class—the sacred inclosures—may be compared for extent and arrangement with Avebury or Carnak, but are in some respects even more remarkable. One of these at Newark, Ohio, covers an area of several miles with its connected groups of circles, octagons, squares, ellipses and avenues, on a grand scale, and formed by embankments from 20 to 30 feet in height. Other similar works occur in different parts of Ohio, and by accurate survey it is found not only that the circles are true, though some of them are one-third of a mile in diameter, but that other figures are truly square, each side being over 1000 feet long, and what is still more important, the dimensions of some of these geometrical figures in different parts of the country and 70 miles apart, are identical. Now this proves the use, by the builders of these works, of some standard measures of length, while the accuracy of the squares, circles, and, in a less degree, of the octagonal figures, shows a considerable knowledge of rudimentary geometry and some means of measuring angles. The difficulty of drawing such figures on a large scale is much greater than anyone would imagine who has not tried it, and the accuracy of these is far beyond what is necessary to satisfy the eye. We must, therefore, impute to these people the wish to make these figures as accurate as possible, and this wish is a greater proof of habitual skill and intellectual advancement than even the ability to draw such figures. If, then, we take into account this ability and this love of geometric truth, and further consider the

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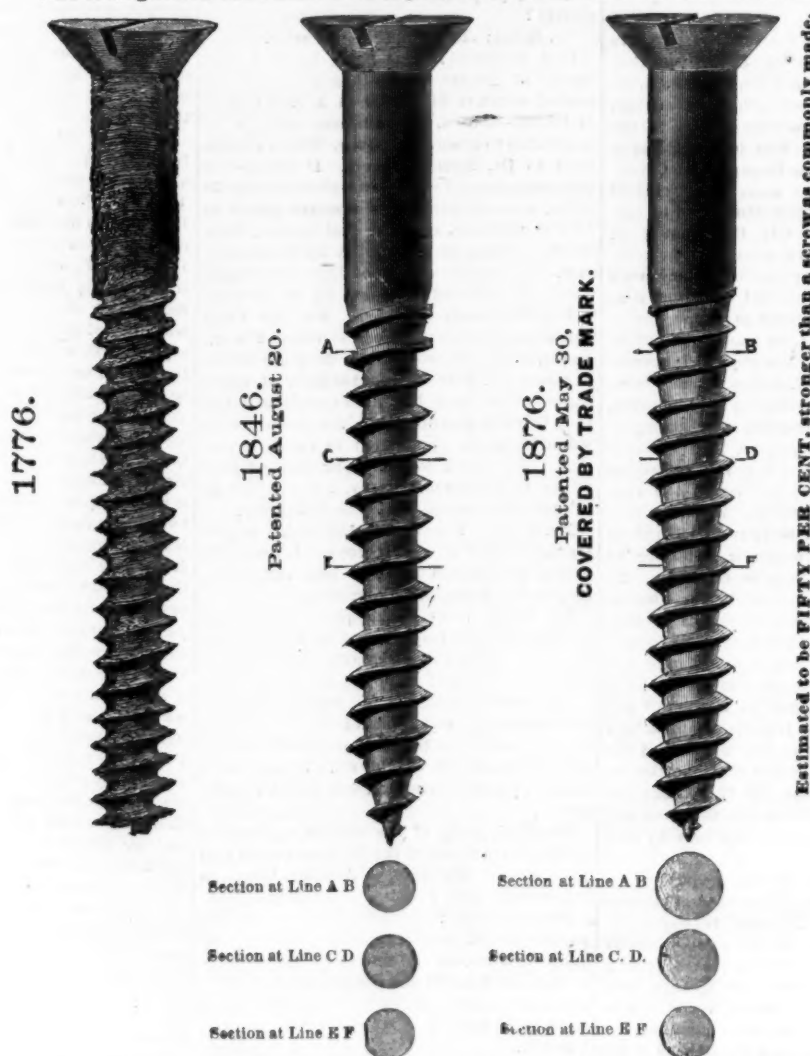


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dense population and civil organization implied by the construction of such extensive systematic works, we must allow that these ancient people had reached the earlier stages of a civilization of which no traces existed among the savage tribes who alone occupied the country when first visited by Europeans.

The animal mounds are of comparatively less importance for our present purpose, as they imply a somewhat lower grade of advancement; but the sepulchral and sacrificial mounds exist in vast numbers, and their partial exploration has yielded a quantity of articles and works of art which throw some further light on the peculiarities of this mysterious people. Most of these mounds contain a large concave hearth or basin of burned clay of perfectly symmetrical form, on which are found deposited, more or less abundant relics, all bearing traces of the action of fire. We are, therefore, only acquainted with such articles as are practically fire-proof or have accidentally escaped combustion. These consist of bone and copper implements and ornaments, discs and tubes, pearl, shell and silver beads, more or less injured by fire; ornaments cut in mica, ornamental pottery, and numbers of elaborate carvings in stone, mostly forming pipes for smoking. The metallic articles are all formed by hammering, but the execution is very good; plates of mica are found cut into scrolls and circles; the pottery, of which very few remains have been found, is far superior to that of any of the Indian tribes, since Dr. Wilson is of opinion that it must have been formed on a wheel, as it is often of uniform thickness throughout (sometimes not more than one-sixth of an inch), polished and ornamented with scrolls and figures of birds and flowers in delicate relief.

But the most instructive objects are the sculptured stone pipes, representing not only various easily recognizable animals, but also human heads so well executed that they appear to be portraits. Among the animals, not only are such native forms as the panther, bear, otter, wolf, beaver, raccoon, heron, crow, turtle, frog, rattlesnake, and many others well represented, but also the manatee, which perhaps then ascended the Mississippi as it now does the Amazon, and the toucan, which could hardly have been obtained nearer than Mexico. The sculptured heads are especially remarkable, because they present to us the features of an intellectual and civilized people. The nose in some is perfectly straight, and neither prominent nor dilated, the mouth is small and the lips thin, the chin and upper lip are short, contrasting with the ponderous jaw of the modern Indian, while the cheek bones present no marked prominence. Other examples have the nose somewhat projecting at the apex in a manner quite unlike the features of any American Indians, and, although there are some which show a much coarser face, it is very difficult to see in any of them that close resemblance to the Indian type which these sculptures have been said to exhibit. The few authentic crania from the mounds present corresponding features, being more symmetrical and better developed in the frontal region than those of any American tribes, although somewhat resembling them in the occipital outline; while one was described by its discoverer (Mr. W. Marshall Anderson) as a "beautiful skull worthy of a Greek."

The antiquity of this remarkable race may, perhaps, not be very great, as compared with the prehistoric man of Europe, although the opinion of some writers on the subject seems affected by that "parsimony of time" on which the late Sir Charles Lyell so often dilated. The mounds are all overgrown with dense forest, and one of the large trees was estimated to be 800 years old, while other observers consider the forest growth to indicate an age of at least 1000 years. But it is well known that it requires several generations of trees to pass away before the growth on a deserted clearing comes to correspond with that of the surrounding virgin forest, while this forest, once established, may go on growing for an unknown number of thousands of years. The 800 or 1000 years estimate from the growth of existing vegetation is a minimum which has no bearing whatever on the actual age of these mounds, and we might almost as well attempt to determine the time of the glacial epoch from the age of the pines or oaks which now grow on the moraines. The important thing for us, however, is that when North America was first settled by Europeans, the Indian tribes inhabiting it had no knowledge or tradition of any preceding race of higher civilization than themselves. Yet we find that such a race existed; that they must have been populous and have lived under some established government; while there are signs that they practiced agriculture largely, as indeed they must have done to have supported a population capable of executing such gigantic works in such vast profusion—for it is stated that the mounds and earthworks of various kinds in the State of Ohio alone amount to between 11,000 and 12,000. In their habits, customs, religion and arts they differed strikingly from all the Indian tribes; while their love of art and of geometric forms, and their capacity for executing the latter upon so gigantic a scale, render it probable that they were a really civilized people, although the form their civilization took may have been very different from that of later people subject to very different influences, and the inheritors of a longer series of ancestral civilization.

We have here, at all events, a striking example of the transition, over an extensive country, from comparative civilization to comparative barbarism, the former having left to tradition, and hardly any trace of influence on the latter. As Mr. Mott well remarks: Nothing can be more striking than the fact that Easter Island and North America both gave the same

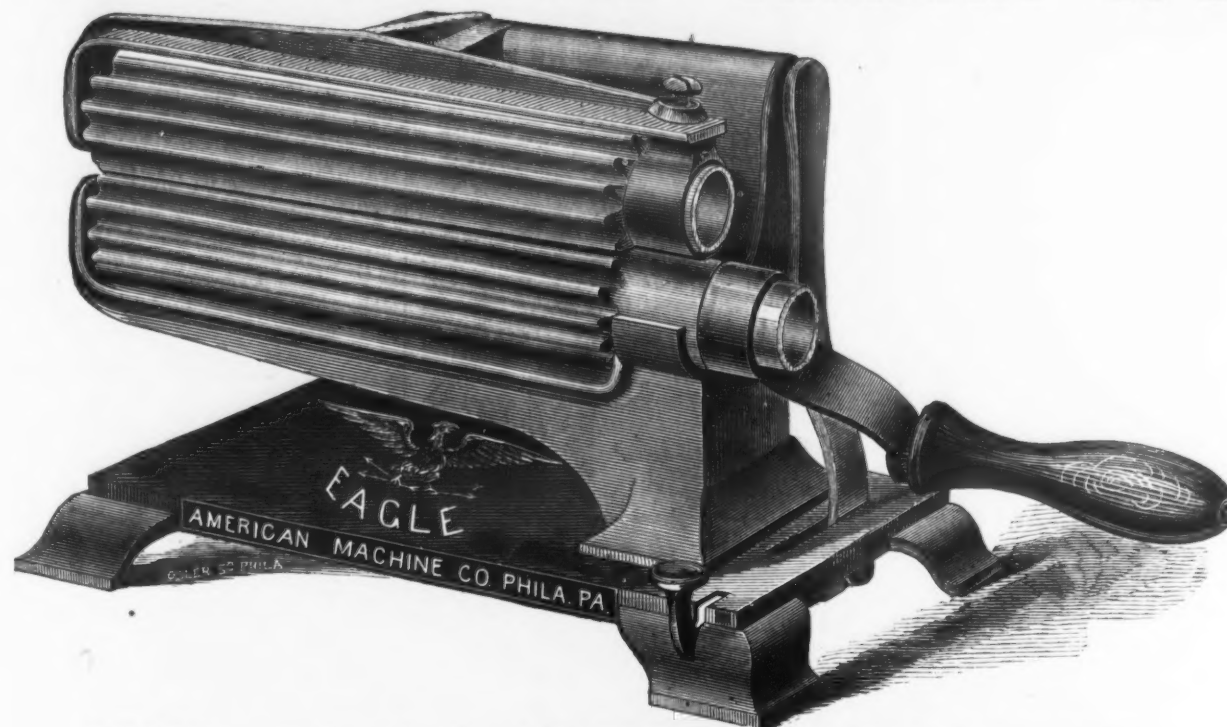
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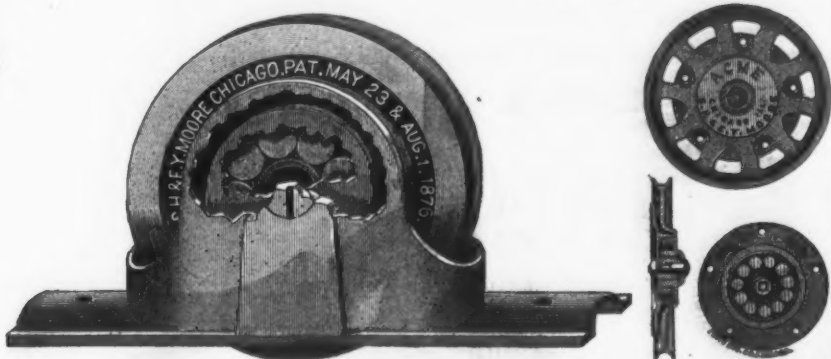
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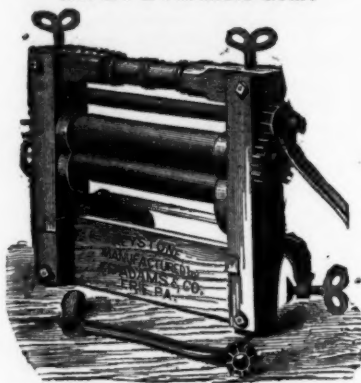
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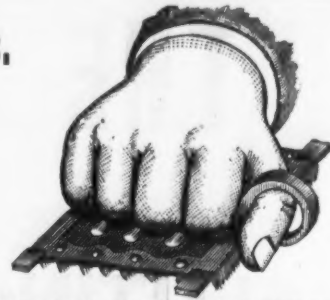
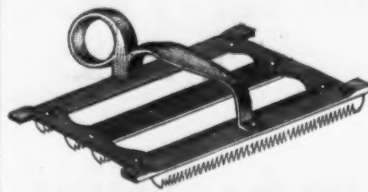
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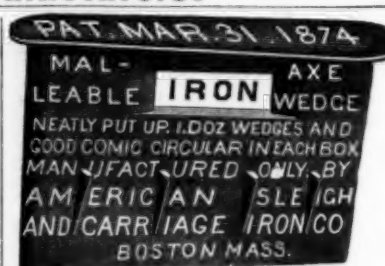
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Prehistoric Science and Art.

testimony as to the origin of the savage life found in them, although in all circumstances and surroundings the two cases are so different. If no stone monuments had been constructed in Easter Island, or mounds containing a few relics saved from fire in the United States, we might never have suspected the existence of these ancient peoples. He argues, therefore, that it is very easy for the records of an ancient nation's life entirely to perish, or to be hidden from observation. Even the arts of Nineveh and Babylon were unknown only a generation ago, and we have only just discovered the facts about the mound builders of North America. But other parts of the American continent exhibit parallel phenomena. Recent investigations show that in Mexico, Central America and Peru, the existing race of Indians has been preceded by a distinct and more civilized race. This is proved by the sculptures of the ruined cities of Central America, by the more ancient terra cottas and paintings of Mexico, and by the oldest pottery of Peru. All alike show markedly non-Indian features, while they often closely resemble modern European types. Ancient crania, too, have been found in all these countries, presenting very different characters from those of any of the modern indigenous races of America.

There is one other striking example of a higher being succeeded by a lower degree of knowledge, which is in danger of being forgotten because it has been made the foundation of theories which seem wild and fantastic, and are probably in great part erroneous. I allude to the Great Pyramid of Egypt, whose form, dimensions, structure and uses have recently been the subject of elaborate works by Prof. Piazzi Smyth. Now, the admitted facts about this pyramid are so interesting and so apposite to the subject we are considering, that I beg to recall them to your attention. Most of you are aware that this pyramid has been carefully explored and measured by successive Egyptologists, and the dimensions have lately become capable of more accurate determination, owing to the discovery of some of the original casing stones and the clearing away of the earth from the corners of the foundation, showing the sockets in which the corner stones fitted. Prof. Smyth devoted many months of work with the best instruments in order to fix the dimensions and angles of all accessible parts of the structure, and he has carefully determined these by a comparison of his own and all previous measures, the best of which agree pretty closely with each other. The results arrived at are: 1. That the pyramid is truly square, the sides being equal and the angles right angles. 2. That the four sockets on which the first stones of the corners rested are truly on the same level. 3. That the direction of the sides are accurately to the four cardinal points. 4. That the vertical height of the pyramid bears the same proportion to its circumference at the base as the radius of a circle does to its circumference.

Now, all these measures, angles and levels are accurate, not as an ordinary surveyor or builder could make them, but to such a degree as requires the very best modern instruments and all the refinements of geodetical science to discover any error at all. In addition to this, we have the wonderful perfection of the workmanship in the interior of the pyramid, the passages and chambers being lined with huge blocks of stone fitted with the utmost accuracy, while every part of the building exhibits the highest structural science. In all these respects this largest pyramid surpasses every other in Egypt. Yet it is universally admitted to be the oldest, and also the oldest historical building in the world. Now, these admitted facts about the Great Pyramid are surely remarkable, and worthy of the deepest consideration. They are facts which, in the pregnant words of the late Sir John Herschel, "according to received theories ought not to happen," and which, he tells us, should therefore be kept ever present to our minds, since "they belong to the class of facts which serve as a clue to new discoveries."

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The three cases to which I have now adverted (and there are many others) seem to require for their satisfactory interpretation a somewhat different view of human progress from that which is now generally accepted. Taken in connection with the great intellectual power of the ancient Greeks—which Mr. Galton believes to have been far above that of the average of any modern nation—and the elevation, at once intellectual and moral, displayed in the writings of Confucius, Zoroaster and the Vedas, they point to the conclusion that, while in material progress there has been a tolerably steady advance, man's intellectual and moral development reached almost its highest level in a very remote past. The lower, the more animal, but often the more energetic types, have, however, always been far the more numerous; hence

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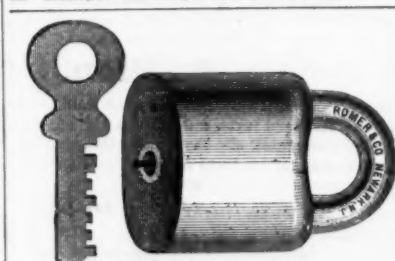
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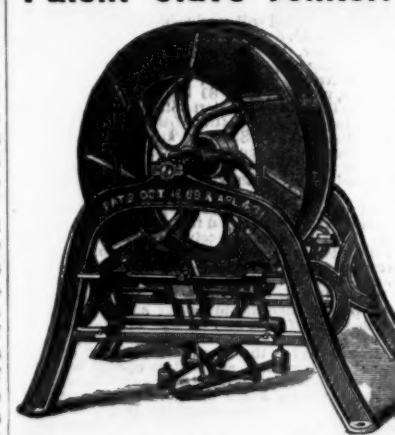
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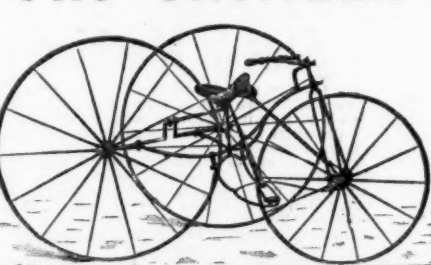
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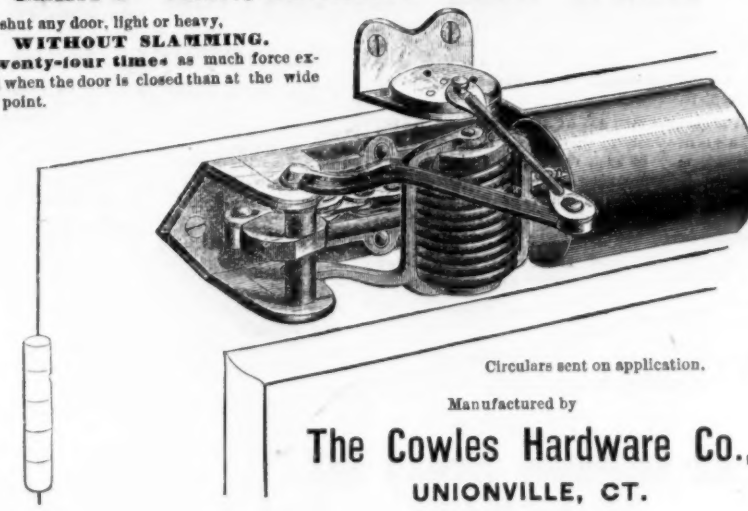
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Commerce, Religion and War.

A writer in *Fraser's Magazine* says: As a source of strength in war, commerce has been highly esteemed by many military writers; and has lately been put forward by a high authority in commercial politics as a reserve of power equal, if not superior, to the great armaments of continental nations. But in the highly artificial condition of English commerce, its absolute value may be easily overestimated. It is a reserve of power for war purposes, in common with all other property belonging to the kingdom, only so far as it represents salable articles. English exports have a certain value in the world during peace time, but a declaration of war may alter that value considerably, and with that alteration will vary the value of all the other property in the kingdom, including labor; but, unfortunately, excluding the only articles whose reduction would alleviate the change, namely the food supplies. England is so precariously situated with respect to the daily food of our population, that the very circumstances which would lower the value of all other property in the country, would raise its price. Hence, although Britain might be able to stand a greater number of campaigns than any continental nation as far as absolute wealth is concerned, it would always be with greater discontent of the people toward the war; and the wealth might be much depreciated in value; for, beside the actual fluctuation due to war, there is the artificial system of credit by which the value of the produce actually on the high seas is discounted at once, and would appear in war time in the form not of hard money, but of unsalable stock. Religion—that is to say, Christianity—has no doubt modified the pugnacity and tempered the ambition of nations, as it has bettered the social life of individuals. Much of this effect has been sometimes ascribed to commerce; but commerce alone, especially when under the influence of free trade, fosters self-interest. It is by the competition for individual advancement that it benefits mankind at large, and it is, therefore, more likely to lead to disputes than to heal them unless checked by true religious principles. But the Christian religion, although it has been taught for nearly 2000 years, has not yet so effected the political actions of states as to justify any one state which desires to preserve its independence in dispensing with armed force. The strongest advocates of peace do not, indeed, propose so great a step; they allow that any nation blessed with independence must do all it can to preserve it. Some of them go further, and distinguish between just and unjust wars. As we have seen during the last year, some peaceful, thoughtful, and religious Englishmen have thought it justifiable to preach a new crusade against the Turks for the purpose of assisting some of their Christian subjects to liberate themselves from their yoke. But the existing generation have neither the power nor the authority to pronounce any war just or unjust; to them war is simply the ultimate court of appeal against what the appellants consider unbearable wrong. To each party in any war, whatever its origin, it appears but the defense of their independence; for the most apparently just and most purely defensive war is in the end as much a struggle for supremacy as the most ambitiously aggressive one. Therefore, those who advocate reduction of national armaments below the standard of other nations of equal rank, in the fancied interests of a pure, peaceful, defensive attitude, are really encouraging war by allowing an aggressive state to gain "the coigne of vantage," from which it will be so much the more difficult for the defensive state to dislodge it, when compelled at last to fight for its life. And that is the most peaceful system which combines with a truly defensive attitude in politics, the most efficient war armaments.

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Said property to be sold subject to all encumbrances, except the second trust deed, and free from that. Bids will also be received during same time for the interest of said bankrupt in the contracts for furnishing the iron for the new Cook County Court House, at Chicago, and the new Court House, at Peoria, Illinois. Inventory and full description of the property and encumbrances, and the contracts and abstracts of title, may be had at the office of Elia & Parker.

Bids may be for the whole or any part of said property, or contracts, and will be opened between 9 and 10 o'clock a. m. on said 8th day of June, 1877, in presence of the Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois, and accepted or rejected as the Court may direct.

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others are difficult to sell even at comparative low prices. The action of the Glendon Company some weeks ago, has at last forced prices of other brands to a lower basis, and good Forge Irons can now be bought at \$16.75 and less. There is a firm determination on the part of buyers not to anticipate their wants, and we, therefore, quote the market very dull at the following prices: No. 1 Foundry, \$19; No. 2 ditto, \$17.50 to \$18; Gray Forge, \$16.50 to \$18. There are a few special brands of No. 1 Foundry, which still command 50c. to \$1 beyond quotations, while in other cases a similar reduction has to be made to secure buyers. The whole range for No. 1 Foundry may be quoted \$18 to \$20.50 as to brand.

Blooms.—The market is dull and weak at about the following quotations: Sunken Scrap Blooms (2464 lbs.), \$42 to \$45; Northern Ore Blooms (2240 lbs.), \$38 to \$42; best quality Charcoal Billets (2240), for wire and steel purposes, \$52.50 to \$55; Bars, ditto, \$65 to \$67.50; Sheet Iron Blooms, cornered (2464 lbs.), \$65 to \$67; Cold-blast Charcoal Plate Blooms, \$57.50 to \$60; run out Anthracite, \$50 to \$52.50.

Manufactured Iron.—We find no improvement in any department of the trade, and at this season no immediate improvement can be expected. Hopes are expressed that the fall trade will be better, but many well informed persons have apprehensions of serious difficulties if the depression continues much longer. Losses have been so continuous, with no opportunity of retrieving them, that it is felt the Iron trade is now in a very critical condition, and if the fall trade does not show some improvement upon the present condition of affairs, the position will be very serious. **Tin Plates.**—The market continues fairly active without change in values. We quote, jobbing lots: I. C., 10x14, Best Charcoal Bright, \$7.50 to \$8; I. X., 10x14, \$9.75 to \$10.25; Best Charcoal Leaded, 32x20, \$14 to \$14.50; Good Charcoal Leaded, \$13.50 to \$13.75; other good brands, \$12.50 to \$13.25; good Bright Tin for Cans, &c., \$6.50 to \$7.25; Coke Leaded, 14x20, \$6 to \$6.50.

Lead.—Foreign Pig has been arriving in quite large quantities of late; almost all of it was previously ordered. We quote, nominally, at 6 1/2 c. Domestic, mostly Common, has been sold by some large holders to the extent of about 1500 tons recently, at \$5.50 to \$5.67 1/2, currency. This was sold mostly, if not all, to consumers, somewhat in advance of their actual necessities. Manufactured is firm and in good demand at the old quotations: Sheet, 9 1/2 c.; Pipe, 9 c.; and Bar, 7 1/2 c., less 10 per cent. to the trade.

Shot.—Drop Shot, 25 lb. bags, 9 1/2 c.; do., 5 lb. bags, 10 1/2 c.; Buckshot, 25 lb. bags, 10 1/2 c.; do., 5 lb. bags, 11 1/2 c.; Conical Balls, 25 lb. bags, 10 c. per lb., net; Bar Lead, 5 oz. 3/4 lb. and 1 lb. Bars, 7 1/2 c., less 10 per cent. to the trade.

Old Metals.—Market steady at following quotations: Heavy Old Copper, 17 c.; Light Tinned Copper, 15 1/2 c.; Copper Bottoms, 15 c.; Heavy Red Brass, 13 c.; Heavy Yellow Brass, 10 c.; Heavy Clean Pipe Lead, 5 c.; Junk Lead, 5 1/2 c.; Tea Lead, Light Paper, 5 1/2 c.; Tea Lead, Heavy Paper, 5 c.; New Zinc Clippings, 4 1/2 c.; Old Sheet Zinc, 4 c.; Yellow Brass Turnings, 9 c.; Plumbers' Lead Joints, 6 c.

Plate and Tank Iron.—The demand is moderately active, but we do not hear of any large orders being placed. Some of the mills are well supplied with orders, while others are rapidly working their contracts down, and still others complain of no business offering worthy of serious consideration. The boiler makers are said to be using a good deal of iron just now, as also the ship and car builders, but we regret to say that in many departments, especially in the shipyards, there are very few new orders coming in. We are glad to note an exception at the Harlin & Hollingsworth Company, at Wilmington, who have just closed a contract for another large iron steamer for the Morgan Line, of New York. With this exception, we hear of no new business of importance, and prospects are not quite as bright as some weeks ago. We quote Tank Iron, 2 1/2 c. to 2 3/4 c.; Common Plates, 2 1/2 c.; Shell Iron, 3 c.; Flange Iron, 4 c. to 4 1/2 c.

Sheet Iron.—There is a slight improvement in the demand, but nothing better as to price. The mills are now all working full time, double turn, with a fair amount of orders on hand, and prospects of full employment for some weeks to come. We quote Common American, No. 6 to 17, 2 1/2 c. to 3 c.; No. 18 to 28, 3 1/2 c. to 3 3/4 c. Best Charcoal Bloom, No. 6 to 20, 5 1/2 c. to 5 3/4 c. No. 22 to 28, 5 1/2 c. to 6 c. Philadelphia Russia, 8 c.

Skeip Iron.—Orders for about 1500 tons have been placed recently, but at prices said to be materially lower than quotations. We quote city prices of Skeip, 2 1/2 c. to 2 3/4 c.

Muck Bars.—No new business to report. We quote the nominal rate, for Philadelphia delivery, \$34.50 to \$37.

Steel Rails.—Business continues dull and depressed, with a very weak feeling as regards prices. There are no cash buyers in the market for large lots, so that prices are nominally unchanged, and the few odd lots taken are chiefly on the basis of \$47 to \$48, at mills. Buyers might easily be found if sellers would take bonds or give long time, but they adhere to cash or short time transactions; hence the actual amount of new business passing is unimportant. None of the mills, however, are in immediate need of business, and a full summer's work appears certain, as the contracts on hand, with the usual small orders dropping in from time to time, will keep them fully employed for the next two or three months. Cash buyers for large lots would no doubt obtain liberal concessions from the quoted rates, but, so far as we can learn, nothing has been done at less, and no offers made; we therefore quote as before, \$47 to \$48, at mills.

Iron Rails.—There is no business doing of any importance, although as usual buyers are looking round and seeking to place their orders. The difficulty so frequently noticed still prevails—sellers want what buyers, as a rule, cannot offer, viz., cash; hence a large proportion of the inquiries do not result in actual business. A few small lots change hands occasionally at figures within the range of our quotations. Sales within the week amount to about a 1000 tons. In one instance a sale of 30 pound sections is reported at a much higher

price, but a fair average quotation would be \$38 to \$36 at mills, according to quality and terms of payment.

Old Rails.—Business for the past two weeks has been unusually light, although prices are about the same. The demand for common Rails has dropped off, but extra quality can be placed in lots of 100 or 300 tons at \$21 to \$21.50, at which some sales are reported. We quote ordinary Rails \$20 to \$20.50; extra quality \$21 to \$21.50; street Rails \$23.

Old Car Wheels.—Sales of 90 tons extra quality are reported at \$30, with \$19 to \$19.50 bid for two other lots. As covering the whole market, we quote \$18 to \$20, according to make.

Old Car Axles.—Buyers are indifferent at the outside figures, while holders are firm. Sales are reported at \$30, Western delivery. We quote the market quiet, \$29 to \$30.

Scrap Iron.—A fair business is doing within the range of our quotations, usually at inside figures—say, Cast, \$15 to \$17; Wrought, \$23 to \$25.

Nails.—The market still continues in a completely demoralized condition, and although \$2.60 is the nominal quotation, we hear of sales down to and below \$2.25. The feeling is a trifle steadier, but prices are still very irregular.

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PITTSBURGH.

Office of *The Iron Age*, 77 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, May 31, 1877.
Owing to the National holiday our weekly review of the Pittsburgh market has failed to reach us up to the hour of going to press.

BOSTON.

MAY 26.—Pig continues depressed, with four drymen purchasing from hand-to-mouth. Scotch Pig is firm, but very dull. We quote \$27 to \$30 for store lots, these being the best figures that could be actually obtained. The foreign markets are not quite so firm. Bar is dull, quoting \$46 to \$47 for Refined, and \$37 to \$38 for Common. Nails are in light demand at the reduction. Copper has been fairly active, with sales of nearly 400,000 lbs. at 19c. to 19 1/4 c. New copper will be on the market next week. For Manufactured we quote: New Sheathing, 30c. to 31c.; Bolts and Brackets, 31c. to 31 1/2 c.; Yellow Metal Bolts, 32c. to 33 1/2 c.; ditto Sheathing, 30c. to 30 1/2 c. Lead is easy, with a small demand. We quote: Pig, 5 1/2 c. to 6 c., currency, for Domestic; Sheet, 9 1/2 c.; Pipe, 9 c.; Tin Lined Pipe, 16 1/2 c.; Bar Lead, 8 1/2 c. to 9 c., less usual trade or 10 per cent. discount. Antimony is quiet at 12c. to 12 1/2 c., gold, for Boston spot lots, with a decline in London to 44s. and Spelter is easy, closing at \$6.25 on the spot for 10 ton lots. Tin is quiet, and prices rather tend downward. The foreign markets are reported firmer by cable. We quote: Straits, 16 1/2 c. to 17c.; Banca, 19 1/2 c. to 19 3/4 c.; Refined English, 16 1/2 c. to 17c., gold. We quote Plates: Charcoal I. C., \$7 to \$7.50; Coke, \$6.10 to \$6.25; and Terne at \$6.75 to \$7.25, gold.—*Commercial Bulletin.*

ST. LOUIS.

Specialty reported by Messrs. SPOONER & COLLINS, Iron Commission merchants, North Third street, St. Louis, under date of May 24: No material change is noticed in the condition of our market since last report. Demand is very high and prices unchanged. Our mills and foundries are running very light and have good stocks on hand. We see no present prospect for an advance in prices till late in the fall or next spring. We quote same as last:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	Mill.	White and Silver Gray.
Missouri Stone Coal.....	\$25.00	\$23.00	\$21.00	
Missouri Charcoal.....	23.00	22.50	22.00	20.00
Tennessee Charcoal.....	23.00	22.50	22.00	20.00
Tenn. Coke, very soft and strong.....	25.00	23.50	22.00	22.00
Hanging Rock Charcoal.....	26.00	24.50	23.50	
H. R. Charcoal, Cold-short.....	26.00	24.50	23.50	
Extra.....	26.00	24.50	23.50	
No. 1 Wrought Scrap.....	92			
No. 1 Railroad.....	1.00			
Machinery Cast.....	.80			
Light Cast.....	.55			
Old Rails.....	19.50	20.00	20.50	21.00
Old Car Wheels.....	18.00	19.00	20.00	

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COLD-BLAST CHARCOAL.—All Numbers.				
Hanging Rock.....	\$25.00	\$23.00	\$21.00	
Tennessee.....	23.00	22.50	22.00	20.00
Kentucky.....	23.00	22.50	22.00	20.00
Missouri.....	23.00	22.50	22.00	20.00
Georgia.....	23.00	22.50	22.00	20.00
Alabama.....	23.00	22.50	22.00	20.00
Assorted Bar Iron.....	92			
No. 1 Railroad.....	1.00			
Machinery Cast.....	.80			
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CINCINNATI.

Messrs. L. R. HULL & CO., under date of May 26, write us as follows: Pig Iron.—There are no special features of interest to report of

the market during the past week. The demand for either foundry or mill iron has not varied to any appreciable extent, and prices generally range about the same, with no prospect at present of any important changes.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	Mill.	White and Silver Gray.
Hanging Rock No. 1, Charcoal.....	25.00	23.00	21.00	
Hanging Rock No. 2, Charcoal.....	23.50	22.00	20.00	
" " No. 1, Coke.....	24.00	22.50	20.50	
" " No. 2, Coke.....	22.00	21.00	19.00	
" " No. 1, Stone.....	22.00	20.00	18.00	
Virginia No. 1, Coke.....	23.00	21.00	19.00	
" " No. 2, Coke.....	21.50	20.00	18.00	
Ala. and Tenn., No. 1, Charcoal.....	22.00	20.00	18.00	
Red-short, No. 1, Coke.....	25.00	23.00	21.00	
Fannie U. S. Scotch, No. 1.....	23.50	22.00	20.00	
Alice.....	21.00	20.00	19.00	
Am. Scotch, No. 1.....	22.00	20.00	18.00	

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Hanging Rock No. 2, Charcoal.....	23.50	22.00	20.00	
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Hanging Rock No. 2, Charcoal.....	23.50	22.00	20.00	
" " No. 1, Coke.....	24.00	22.50	20.50	
" " No. 2, Coke.....	22.00	21.00	19.00	
" " No. 1, Stone.....	22.00	20.00	18.00	
Virginia No. 1, Coke.....	23.00	21.00	19.00	
" " No. 2, Coke.....	21.50	20.00	18.00	
Ala. and Tenn., No. 1, Charcoal.....	22.00	20.00	18.00	
Red-short, No. 1, Coke.....	25.00	23.00	21.00	
Fannie U. S. Scotch, No. 1.....	23.50	22.00	20.00	
Alice.....	21.00	20.00	19.00	
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AMERICAN REFINED BAR IRON.				
1 to 6 wide by $\frac{3}{8}$ to 1 thick..	{	1.95	to 2e. $\frac{3}{4}$ lb
1 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ wide by $1\frac{1}{8}$ to 2 thick				
Pennyweight and ordinary sizes from				

penditure 948 per train mile; the total of which on all lines was 202,616.174.

LABOR DISPUTES

are again becoming awkward, and some threaten to prove ruinous if persisted in. The West Lancashire miners, numbering some 30,000, will strike on the 17th inst. against a drop of 10 per cent. In Northumberland the miners to the number of 40,000 threaten to strike against the proposal to deprive them of free house coal. The Clyde shipwrights will be locked out on May 19th unless they withdraw their notices for an advance of about 15 per cent. In this case about 30,000 men are affected. The master shipbuilders arrived at the decision to resist, at a meeting held on Friday, May 11th, when 22 firms at Glasgow, Greenock, Port Glasgow and Dumbarton were represented. In the Birmingham and toll trade, the Fifehire coal trade and the Bromsgrove rail trade, disputes continue. The millers threaten to publish their various rates of wages in all the papers of the Kingdom unless their wages are maintained at the old rate.

THE APRIL EXPORTS,

as set forth by the Board of Trade returns, just issued, are in some respects more satisfactory than those for March. The leading figures for the month are as under:

	Tons.	Value.
Iron—Pig iron.....	83,051	31,323
Cast iron.....	31,323	31,323
Wire.....	4,028	13,519
Hoops, sheets and plates.....	13,519	13,519
Tin plates.....	23,616	1,989
Cast or wrought iron.....	1,989	1,989
Old iron.....	1,989	1,989
Unwrought steel.....	1,989	1,989
Hardware and cutlery.....	1,989	1,989
Machinery—Steam engines.....	1,989	1,989
Other machinery.....	1,989	1,989
Brass.....	1,989	1,989
Unwrought copper.....	1,989	1,989
Wrought copper.....	1,989	1,989
Yellow metal sheathing.....	1,989	1,989
Lead.....	1,989	1,989
Telegraphic wire.....	1,989	1,989
Unwrought tin.....	1,989	1,989
Zinc or Spelter.....	1,989	1,989
Coal, coke or patent fuel.....	1,989	1,989

Of the various articles the quantities sent to the United States were: Pig iron, 3299 tons; bars, &c., 518 tons; railroad, 199 tons; hoops, &c., 79 tons; tin plates, 978 tons; cast iron, 183 tons; old iron, 52 tons; steel, 558 tons; hardware and cutlery, 222,358; machinery, 213,938; unwrought copper, 80 cwt.; wrought copper, 592 cwt.; lead, 618 tons; and unwrought tin, 2619 cwt. The special return of

IRON AND STEEL RAILS

is as follows:

Exports of Iron and Steel Rails in the month ending April 30, 1877, compared with the exports of the corresponding period of 1876.	Quantities.	Value.
	Month ended April 30.	Month ended April 30.
Iron Rails:	1876.	1877.
To Russia.....	1,084	1,075
Sweden and Norway.....	5,441	5,302
Germany.....	3,411	3,411
Spain.....	876	1,264
Italy.....	1,441	1,441
United States.....	1,441	1,441
Brazil.....	299	971
Chili.....	15	15
British N. America.....	1,284	1,284
British India.....	2,705	2,705
Australia.....	1,282	1,282
Other countries.....	1,737	3,887
Total.....	16,438	15,457
Steel Rails:	1876.	1877.
To Russia.....	516	3,890
Sweden and Norway.....	45	45
Germany.....	729	482
Spain.....	29	352
Italy.....	29	352
United States.....	29	352
Brazil.....	29	352
Chili.....	29	352
British N. America.....	6,087	315
British India.....	51	1,284
Australia.....	29	2,705
Other countries.....	3,552	292
Total.....	11,235	10,773
Total of Iron and Steel Rails.....	27,673	26,230

SCOTCH PIG IRON

has been fairly steady, on the whole, and a considerable business has been transacted on shipping and general account at rates for makers, brands not materially differing from those of last week. There are now 135,350 tons in Connell's stores and 113 furnaces blowing, of which 12 are at Gartsherrie, 10 at Coltness, 6 at Glenarnock, and 16 producing Eglington.

Messrs. James Watson & Co., Glasgow, May 11, this report: "We have to report an irregular market for Scotch pig iron this week. On Tuesday the opening price was 55/3, but it declined same day to 54/6, cash and one month fixed; on Wednesday it improved to 54/10½ per ton, while yesterday business was done up to 55/3, closing in the afternoon at 55/ per ton. To-day the price advanced to 55/3, closing again at 55/ per ton. Shipments last week were 11,915 tons, against 12,570 tons in the corresponding week of 1876." We quote:

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
G. M. B., at Glasgow.....	56/6	53/
Gartsherrie.....	56/6	53/
Coltness.....	56/6	53/
Summerlee.....	56/6	53/
Lanigan.....	56/6	53/
Cardross.....	56/6	53/
Calder, at Port Dundas.....	56/6	53/
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan.....	56/6	53/
Eglington.....	56/6	53/
Delnashottan.....	56/6	53/
Shotts, at Leith.....	56/6	53/
Kinnell, at Bonness.....	56/6	53/

Messrs. Wm. Colvin & Co.'s quotations approximate to the above. The prices current of John E. Swan & Brothers, Limited, May 11, gives Coltness No. 1, 68/; Glenarnock No. 1, 61/; Eglington No. 1, 57/6; ballast pig, along side, 47/6, all per ton.

GREAT FIRE AT A CLYDE SHIPYARD

On Sunday, May 13, a very destructive fire occurred in the well known shipbuilding yard of Thomas Wigham & Co., which is on the Clyde, about 3 miles below Glasgow. A number of valuable models and patterns, besides a quantity of machinery, including engines in course of construction for the Dutch government, were destroyed, and 500 men are thrown out of work. The damage done is roughly estimated at £70,000 to £80,000.

THE CAPE EXHIBITION.

A special number of the Cape Times, just received here, gives a long account of the opening of the South African International Exhibition, at Cape Town, on April 3, and devotes a good deal of space to the Sheffield exhibits. It especially mentions the show cases of Wingfield, Rowbotham & Co., Thomas Turner & Co., John Shaw, Jr., and other houses, which it says have sent such cutlery, etc., as "never found its way to Africa before."

TRADES OF SHEFFIELD.

There has been very little change of any note during the past week, nor do present indications lead to the supposition that there will be any alteration for the better for some months henceforward. The interest of all business men in the Eastern war and its possible developments naturally continues unabated, and in some quarters is causing not a little anxiety, especially now that it is daily becoming more

apparent that our own government will be compelled to make some formidable preparations in order to be prepared for the naval and military exigencies which may at any moment be forced upon us. Some time ago there was a lingering hope entertained that trade might revive as the year grew older, but this prospective improvement is now pretty generally regarded as being absolutely out of the question, so long as the whole of Europe continues to suffer from a war panic like the present. It is, at all events, quite certain that in the iron trade of this locality the amount of actual business done of late has been exceedingly limited, and in many cases unprofitable, especially as regards merchant irons. In pig iron there have been a few sales during the week, chiefly of West Coast hematites, Derbyshire foundry brands and parcels of force pig from North Lincolnshire. The Bessemer pig producers appear to uphold their prices very well, considering that the present activity at several of the rail mills cannot very well be exceeded. Maryport "hematite" No. 1 is 70/; No. 2, 67/6; Nos. 3, 4 and 5, 67/6, mottled and white, 65/6. "Bessemer" No. 1, 70/; No. 2, 67/6; and No. 3, 65/6 per ton at the works, with 2½ off for prompt cash. Millom "Bessemer" No. 1 is 72/6; No. 2, 70/; and No. 3, 67/6; "Ordinary" Nos. 3, 4 and 5, 67/6, all per ton at the works on the usual four months' bill, or 2½ off for cash.

Some weeks ago there were some ugly rumors afloat here as to the position of two or three local firms and persons in trade. I am now glad to learn that in at least two of these cases the evil day has been stayed off, in one instance by "fresh blood," and in the other by relief from another quarter. I believe, also, that some of our hardware manufacturers have been hit by two or three failures in the United States to a pretty considerable tune. I believe the stoppages of Worrall & Co., and of Nicol, Renslaer & Fuller, both of New York, are examples of this, and that an American tool house is another.

In the cast steel branches there is not a large business in any sense of the term, although I hear that some of the concerns which are mostly engaged in the home trade are fairly well employed, as compared with the firms which have usually pushed a foreign trade. There are, nevertheless, a number of continental and a few American orders in the town. Some of these, as has before been mentioned in these reports, are for bayonet steel, steel ramrods, swords and other materials which happen just now to be in request. Beside these, however, some of the principal concerns have large castings in hand for ultimate use as marine propeller shafts for ordnance tubes, cylinders and other special purposes, beside a few lots of crossings, hornblocks and various engineering appliances. The American demand for steel does not appear to revive, nor do reports from the United States lead to the belief that the future transactions of Sheffield in this respect with their markets will be larger. Such steel as is now being shipped is mostly of a kind which cannot at present be satisfactorily rolled by the American mills, such as a special class of sheets for clock springs, beveled plow plates, and a few other exceptional sorts. I hear of one Sheffield house which has had over £1000 worth of steel on hand for over a year, it having been kept back because the American customer who had ordered it had failed to remit a previous "little account" of £2000 or so. The second consignment, I believe, had reached the railway station en route for Liverpool, when the news came in the nick of time to stop it. At the same time I am not to be supposed to be hinting that the American buyers are worse payers than other people, for this is not the case. Foreign iron for steel converting purposes are not in great request, owing to the quiet state of the steel trade, hence there is not much change in prices from those quoted a short time ago, when arrangements for the season's deliveries were entered into. All the best Swedish brands are controlled by Sheffield houses, and I happen to know that some of these brands are held here in very heavy bulk just now. From Leeds we hear that the intelligence that the Airedale Hematite Iron Company have dampened down both their last furnaces, owing to the dullness of the demand and consequent accumulation of stock. At the Steam plow works of Messrs. Fowler & Son, too, a large number of men have been discharged, owing to various causes having combined to limit the demand both for steam plowing machinery and locomotives. It is also stated that the rail mill at the Normanton Iron Works is about to be converted into a boiler plate mill, owing to the falling off of orders for rails.

I understand that the Solicitor General, on Saturday last, heard, at his chambers, Paper-buildings, Temple, the relative cases of Mr. Tozer, of London, and Mr. Acaster, Sheffield, for inventions relating to rail fasteners in place of fish plates. The decision was in favor of Mr. Acaster, although I believe the Solicitor General declined to express any opinion on the merits of either invention. The shareholders of the Parkgate Wagon Company, Limited, met specially at Rotherham on Friday evening last, in order to discuss the question of selling the Parkgate Works. After a long discussion it was decided to sell the Parkgate Works for £2000 to Mr. Wells.

For cutlery the Spanish and Cape markets appear to have revived, a few small houses having orders thence which will clear out a good deal of long-held stock.

BIRMINGHAM AND STAFFORDSHIRE.

The iron trade of these districts remains very quiet indeed, the only inquiries being for merchant iron of special brands, chiefly for the home, Indian and Australian markets. It is reported by latest advices from Melbourne that 26 gauge galvanized sheets are quoted at £20 at Melbourne, while ungalvanized Nos. 8 to 15 are £11. 10/ to £12, with £14. 10/ to £15 for 20 to 26 gauges. Plates were £11 to £13, and hoop iron £11 to £13. Common bars at the Staffordshire works still rule at £6. 10/; but there is a very slight demand for them, so that few establishments are running more than three days weekly. In hardware more business is doing with the Spanish West Indies, Australia, and with India, as also to a certain extent with Australia and New Zealand. From Australia there are reports that American hardware are running Birmingham and Sheffield goods very closely, one Melbourne house alone now turning over £30,000 worth of American hardware annually, all of which used to come from this country. The Belgians, too, are now competing successfully with Wallall in bits, spurs and other kinds of saddlers' ironmongery.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Last week the total quantity of iron sent from the Welsh forts reached the respectable figure of 7530 tons. The rails went to Madras, Sundwall and Gothenburg; bars to French ports, and some few lots of sheets to Holland. At the Bonville Court Iron and Coal Company's Works, Saundcrfoot, the men have gone in at a reduction of 15 per cent. after a strike of seven months. The coal trade continues brisk, last week's exports having been 100,794 tons.

THE METAL MARKETS

have been fairly steady, with the exception of Chili Copper. Von Dadelzen and North say: "Copper: The telegram with the Chili charters for second half of April arrived just after our last report was published. They were 2600 tons, of which

300 tons were for the continent. Chili bars declined on this news to £68. 10/; but have improved to £69. 10/, our present quotation. Little doing in Australian. Wailaroo improved to £76 to £78. 10/; and Barra, £85; English steady, tough £75 to £76; select, £77 to £78; strong sheets £81; India sheets, £80. 10/. The was quiet early in the week with business in Straits at £70, and Australian £68. 15/ to £69; it has since improved, and market yesterday closed firm at £71 for Straits and £70 for Australian. The next Banca sale is advertised for the 30th inst., and to consist of 22,400 slabs. Dutch market firm, but little doing. Banca 43½. Billiton 42½. English ingot £74 to £75. Tin plates rather better. Lead, firmly held for £21. 10/ for English pig. Soft Spanish, £21 to £21. 5/. Spelter, dull, £20. 5/ to 20. 10/ for ordinary Silesian. Sheet Zinc, 135 tons at public sale sold at £24 net. Quicksilver steady, at £7. 2/6. Antimony dull, at £47 to £48.

The Mining Journal remarks: "Copper.—The price of Chili bars has been rather better instead of lower, and this has caused several realizations of small parcels, but the demand has now somewhat slackened. The price at the beginning of the week was about £68. 10/; but it ultimately advanced to £69. 10/, which had the effect of bringing out sellers, and the market has gone down since to £69, cash, sellers, at which business has been done to-day. Lead.—This metal maintains its position, and ordinary soft is firm at £21. 10/; Spanish, £21. 5/. Spelter.—The quotation of Silesian is £20. 5/ to £20. 7/6, and shows but little variation. At the public sale on Thursday 140 tons of zinc were offered, of which 125 tons found buyers at £24, which is a reduction of 1/6 per ton upon the previous sale. Quicksilver in the middle of the week was reduced 2/6 per bottle, but has now recovered its former rate, and £7. 5/ is to-day's price. Tin Plates.—The demand is still unimproved, and neither cake nor charcoal are in much request."

Messrs. Kelly & Co. (London) say: "Copper, in the hands of Chilean importers to some extent, is being held back, and is thus interfering with a market heretofore pretty uniform. Tin is pretty firm at quotation; quantity afloat said to be lighter than usual. The total consumption in Europe and America is estimated at 34,000 tons annually. Tin plate trade said to be unremunerative and very slow. Lead.—Demand stronger than usual, and dearer, as we predicted. Spelter unchanged in price, and demand. Stocks.—London: Hull, 1088, Grimby, 20 tons only. With such small figures this useful metal bears a low value. Quicksilver firm at £7. 5/. Bar silver cleared off the market almost before it gets on; 54d. the nominal figure."

Latest Liverpool prices are:

Iron: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per ton.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Merchant bar.....	6 13	6 15
Merchant bar, in Wales.....	6 13	6 15
Staffordshire.....	6 13	6 15
Hoop.....	7 10	8 10
Sheet.....	8 15	9 15
Nail rod.....	7 10	8 10
Bar, best cross.....	9 0	9 10
Boiler plates.....	9 0	10 0

Tin Plates: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Charcoal, I. C.....	1 2	0 1 4
Coke, I. C.....	0 18	0 1 0

Copper: Delivered in Liverpool, per ton.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bolt and Sheathing.....	84 0	0 0 0
Tile.....	78 0	0 0 0
Tough cast.....	78 0	0 0 0
Best selected.....	78 0	0 0 0

Losses by Fire.

THE SCOTT IRON WORKS.

The Scott Iron Works, at Reading, Pa., owned by Seyfert, McManus & Co., have been destroyed by fire. The works occupied a block, commencing at the corner of Eighth and Buttonwood streets, and extending through to Cedar street. It was a complete establishment in every respect, consisting of a foundry capable of turning out the largest castings, pattern shop, machine shop, elevator, &c. During the war the works were engaged largely in the manufacture of cannon for the United States government, and turned out a large number of eleven inch and fifteen inch guns, as well as several of the twenty inch pattern. The Scott Works were originally built by Lewis Kirk, and were afterward operated for a number of years by the Reading Industrial Company, of which Mr. Kirk was the general manager. The foundry was greatly enlarged during the war, and was capable of turning out castings of the largest description.

The pattern house, in which the fire originated, was 55 feet in width by 185 feet in length along Cedar street. It contained a most valuable stock of patterns, all of the finest workmanship. About one-half of the patterns owned by the corporation were stored in this building, while the remainder were kept in a building on the west side of Eighth street, opposite the foundry, and at the steam forge. The patterns kept in the foundry were burned and are a total loss. The corporation had an immense stock of patterns, some of them dating back for a number of years. Their original cost may have been \$150,000 to \$300,000, but many of them are obsolete and are no longer required. As only one-half of the patterns were destroyed, the loss on this portion of the establishment will probably reach \$50,000.

The rapidity with which the fire communicated to the machine shop was remarkable. This department, measuring 100 by 200 feet, was completely burned out. It contained thousands of dollars worth of valuable machines, which are now imbedded among the ruins, in almost inextricable confusion. It is impossible to give any idea as to the actual loss in this department, as this will be a matter hereafter for the underwriters. The building contained the most approved machinery, valued at from \$50,000 to \$125,000. The fire after spreading along Buttonwood street to Eighth, and thence in the direction of the foundry, terminated at the office on Eighth street, in about two hours after the alarm of fire had been given.

The Reading Times and Dispatch says: "As to the loss by the fire no reliable estimate could be obtained, as all was mere conjecture last evening. Several members of the corporation who were consulted, refused to give any estimate as to the loss, or the amount of the insurance. Taking the lowest estimate of the \$50,000 on patterns, \$50,000 on machinery, and \$25,000 on buildings, stock, unfinished work, &c., the minimum loss would be \$125,000. By a majority of persons the loss is believed to be

much higher, and \$250,000 was stated as nearer the actual loss. Whatever the loss may be, it falls very severely upon this community, as it has closed up, but temporarily we hope, one of our largest manufacturing establishments, and thrown many men out of employment, the majority of whom have families to support. The establishment had been in receipt recently of several orders for work of considerable importance, including the building of cotton presses similar to the immense affairs turned out last winter."

As the Scott Iron Works is only one of eight establishments owned by the same company, it will not seriously interfere with their business. The insurance will doubtless enable them to put in the latest and most improved machinery, so that the actual loss will not exceed a few thousand dollars.

THE YOUNGSTOWN ROLLING MILL.

On the night of the 28th a fire broke out in the Youngstown Rolling Mill, at Youngstown, Ohio, completely consuming the whole mill. The Fire Department were promptly on hand, but, owing to the scarcity of water, were unable to render effective aid. Three hundred men are thrown out of employment. The mill cost over \$100,000, and was insured for \$33,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil can. The regular mill machinery and some very valuable machinery for the manufacturing of cotton ties were also, more or less, injured. Quite a large amount of manufactured iron was destroyed. The mill was owned by Wick, Wells & Beuchner.

Rolls with Wrought Iron Collars.

The Youngstown (Ohio) Register says: Some very rapid strides have recently been made in the iron world in the way of improvement, and letters patent have just been issued to a young inventor of this city that will tend, in a great measure, to revolutionize the manufacturing of iron rolls used for merchant iron. For months past Brown, Bonnell & Co., of this city, have been experimenting, endeavoring to manufacture a roll that would give the iron a better finish, causing it to prove more durable. The great difficulty with the rolls now generally used is that they are made from cast iron and are liable to break or cause the grooves to pit out on the side.

Mr. David Jones, roll turner at Brown, Bonnell & Co.'s mill, in January last constructed a roll in which the "collars" were made of wrought iron and welded into the body of the roll in such a perfect manner that the whole is one smooth, unblemished surface. The welding of cast and wrought iron is something that had never hitherto been accomplished in the manufacture of "rolls," and of course is an improvement over the cast iron rolls that ironmongers will hail with delight. Mr. Richard Brown, general manager of the works, was quick to recognize the merit of Mr. Jones' invention, and letters patent were at once applied for, and on the fifteenth of the present month the patent was granted. Our reporter while at the works was shown some iron manufactured by the new rolls with wrought iron collars, and its superiority to the iron rolled by the cast iron rolls is perceptible to the most casual observer. The pipe iron shown the reporter rolled by the new patent was twenty and one-eighth inches in width; it was perfectly smooth, and consequently would not crack in the process of welding.

The wrought iron collar will last much longer than the old style and will not, as is the custom, be thrown away when the roll is half used, neither will they "pit," and the finish put on the iron rolled by them is far superior to any other, as the grooves of the patent roll wear perfectly smooth instead of becoming rough as in cast iron. Several iron manufacturers hereabout have examined Mr. Jones' invention and at once pronounced it a success, as the cost of manufacturing it is but a trifle more than what is paid for the old style, and when the question of durability is taken into consideration, it is much cheaper. Messrs. Cartwright, McCurdy & Co. are about putting a set of the new wrought iron rolls into their mill for the manufacture of their celebrated hoop iron. The invention will at once be put into the market by Mr. Brown and the patentee, and in the opinion of experienced iron workers, will soon be adopted by all the best rolling mills of the United States.

Messrs. Brown & Jones have also just patented a pinion, or gear wheel, with wrought iron teeth. This is also an economical invention, as teeth of these pinions made from cast iron break easily and are frequently causing considerable expense and loss of time. These wrought iron teeth will not break, of course, and cannot fail to win their way into favor. They are two of the most important inventions that have been put in use in the working of iron for many years, and their great worth will be recognized at once.

Casting a Statue.

A correspondent writing from Paris describes the casting of a great bronze statue of Dom Pedro I, at one of the art foundries of that city, as follows:

It was late in the evening, about 10 o'clock, when we reached Barbodienne's foundry in the Rue de Lancry, and after having shown our permit, we passed through a large court-yard and entered the foundry. It was as large as a church, and the work benches of the molders, deserted by the workmen at this late hour, were not unlike pews, for they were on each side of a long central passage, and divided by two doors. At the end of the building is the pit in which the mold to be cast was buried. This pit was about 20 feet deep and 15 square, and the mold seemed to fill it, leaving only a few feet of space clear between it and the walls of the pit. This huge mold, we were told, was to produce a statue—or, rather, the lower half

of a statue—of Dom Pedro I. In the center of it the "core," which was made of sand, would be taken out after the hot metal was solidified, and was to correspond with the hollow part of the statue. The mold had been built around this "core," leaving a regular space between it and the outer mold, which reproduced exactly in *intaglio* the outer surface of the statue. The business of the bronze was to fill up this space, and thereby reproduce the plaster model from which the mold had been made. This mold was entirely of sand, for, like iron, bronze can only be cast in sand molds; but it was held and braced together by strong bands of wrought iron.

I asked why the casting took place at so late an hour. The foreman explained that they had begun to *garbir* (Anglice, "put together") the mold at 4 o'clock that morning, but that the fire in the furnace for melting the metal was never lighted before that important operation was complete, as the slightest accident in assembling the component parts of the mold might cause some serious results which might postpone the pouring in of the metal. Now that everything was in its proper place we were motioned to examine the furnace. This was a long, low, brick structure. The fire, of coal, was in a large iron grate about six feet square, and the flame was drawn through a large horizontal oven 15 feet long and 4 feet wide. At the end of this it entered into a horizontal flue parallel to the oven and immediately above it, and went with the smoke to the tall brick chimney of the factory, about 60 feet in height. From five to six tons of coal are used for a casting of this size. In the oven was about six tons of copper—American Lake Superior copper—which, when we were allowed to look through a peep-hole in the side of the brick structure, looked like a mass of burning gold.

One of the assistants began skimming the surface of the metal through an opening at the end of the furnace, his face, chest and arms being covered with wet cloths. He soon took a long rod of clean iron, and after stirring the molten metal with it, brought it out without any of the bronze sticking to it. This, we were informed, was a sign that the copper and zinc in the furnace were at the proper temperature and well mixed. To complete the bronze alloy tin had to be added, but this is done as late as possible, as that volatile metal would soon burn up or evaporate. The long, thin ingots of tin are thrown in, and to insure a thorough mixture with the other component parts of the alloy, they poke it with a long wooden poker, 12 to 15 feet long, made out of a young pine tree. The green wood in burning in the melted metals produces a large amount of carbonic acid, which passes through the metal in bubbles, and insures a more thorough mixture of the component parts of the alloy. In the meantime assistants have constructed in dry sand, held together by large iron frames, a kind of reservoir or tank over the mold. This is to receive the melted metal—for it must all rush into the mold at once; a large hole closed by a plug separates this tank from the mold. A steel chain attached to the plug, passes through a pulley directly above it, but near the roof of the foundry, and if all is right it will be pulled up by the foreman, thereby opening the mold. A long trench or gutter of sand also has been built from the mouth of the mold to the tank, and this is now all ablaze with a fire of wood shavings, to warm it so that the metal will not cool or clog as it runs down. Now the exciting time has come. A workman, holding a long iron lever terminated by a sharp wedge, nears the brick opening of the furnace from which the bronze is to run; two men follow him with large sledge hammers, to assist him. Another man is lowered with a rope into the pit. He holds a lighted torch, with which he is to ignite the gases that escape from the vent holes at the bottom of the mold, the draught produced by these flames drawing all the air from the mold. He whispers to his assistants to draw him up quickly once his work is done, for, as the foreman tells me, if the sand in the mold was at all damp and *cela pourrait bien étre* (it might happen), the mold would explode when the red-hot metal came in and the poor fellow might be crushed to atoms. Now an awful silence prevails, only broken by the blows of the men breaking the furnace open. The metal runs out a clear stream of melted bronze, with little blue flames hovering over it; it accumulates in the tank, lighting up all the foundry with a bluish, golden light. Now the plug is drawn up! The man lights the vents; he also is drawn up safe. A gurgling sound is heard as the molten bronze fills the mold; streams of blue flame and golden sparks fly from the vents, and the figure is cast. The workmen are treated to claret by the "boss" and we retire, hoping that the other half of Dom Pedro I may be cast without accident, as the first half was.

Helmholtz and other mathematicians of the first order who have applied their methods of analysis to the subject, have alleged that the limit of visibility with the microscope has been reached. This belief is based on the theory that light itself is too coarse to permit the subdivision by which yet smaller objects may be revealed to our most powerful lenses. The limit of visibility has been named as the 180,000th of an inch. But this view is not wholly accepted by microscopists. The Rev. Wm. M. Dallinger has made experiments which point to a very different conclusion. He employs a new method of practical observation specially adapted to testing this question, and has constructed lenses which carry the limits of distinct visibility far beyond the boundary announced by the mathematicians. Much smaller objects are thus revealed than the theory referred to would indicate as capable of being seen. Furthermore, Mr. Dallinger does not believe that he has yet reached the limit of division and visibility by instrumental means.

The "Rate of Set" of Metals Subject to Strain for Considerable Periods of Time.

The results of experiments made by Prof. Thurston, in the Mechanical Laboratory of the Stevens Institute of Technology, to determine the time required to produce "set" in metals loaded more or less heavily, and to ascertain what law governs the influence of time in determining the progress and the limit of change of form as the metal yields under loads, either very small or approaching the ultimate strength of the piece, were reported to the American Society of Civil Engineers recently.

This paper* contains some new and valuable information, and throws so much light on the behavior of metals under strain that we think ourselves justified in giving a somewhat extended abstract.

Two methods of testing bars by transverse stress were adopted.

By the first method, the bar was bent to a certain carefully measured deflection, and there held, and its effort to straighten itself was as carefully measured. This effort was at first equal to the load required to bend the bar to the observed deflection, but it gradually became less and less as the bar took a set, and finally either became constant, or the bar broke. In the first case, this loss of straightening power ceased when the bar had taken its set completely.

By the second method, the bar was similarly mounted between supports, but was then loaded with a "dead load" of a certain carefully measured amount, and the manner in which deflection took place and its amount, were very accurately measured.

When the deflection no longer increased, and the bar remained at a constant deflection, the set was complete. In some cases the increase of deflection did not cease until the bar broke.

The paper is divided into two sections: The first on the observed decrease of resistance at a fixed distortion; the second on the observed increase of deflection under static loads. We present the principal deductions nearly in the words of the writer:

SEC. I. The writer had, in a preceding paper, shown, by reference to experimental researches, in which he had then engaged, that some classes of metals, as ordinary iron and steel, when subjected to strain and distortion by a force exceeding the resistance of the material within the elastic limit, take a set and are stiffened by that act, and exhibit an exaltation of the elastic limit. It was also shown that other classes, like tin, and similarly viscous and ductile materials, exhibit flow and a depression of their limits of elasticity when similarly treated. It was further shown that the former class when subjected to loads, even approaching their ultimate strength, took a certain set and remained apparently indefinitely without further distortion; while the second class, under very moderate loads, frequently exhibit a gradual distortion until fracture took place, sometimes under stresses which were but a fraction of those which were required to break such metals quickly, and when time was not allowed for flow to occur. It was noted that increase of rapidity of distortion and fracture produced increase of resistance in the latter, or "tin-class," and decrease of resisting power in the first, or "iron-class," and vice versa.

The writer subsequently instituted experiments upon metals of both classes to determine how rapidly set, in each class, took place. Prof. Norton had also shown by experiment that this set is partially temporary, the bar relieving itself of distortion in some degree on removal of the load. Both experimenters had detected some peculiar variations of form during this recovery, and at times a gradual recovery of straightening power in a confined and fixed bar.

Bars were prepared of square section, 1 inch in breadth and depth, and 22 inches in length between bearings. They were flexed in a machine for testing the resistance of materials to transverse stress, and the load and deflection carefully measured. As the bars were retained at a constant deflection, their effort to resume their original form gradually decreased, and the amount of this effort was from time to time noted. When this effort or resistance had become considerably decreased the bar was released and the set measured. This operation was repeated with each until the law of decrease of elastic resistance was detected. Curves (Plate I) were constructed, illustrating graphically this law.

The following is the record for the bars of iron, of tin and of two alloys: The iron bar No. 648 was subjected to a load of 1003 pounds (somewhat less than one-half its maximum), and its deflection was found to be 0.0065 inch. Removing the load, the set was 0.0049 inch. Restoring the load (1000 pounds + 3 pounds due to the weight of the bar), the deflection was 0.1001 inch, and the bar was held at this deflection and the decrease of resistance observed. In 25 minutes it had become 999 pounds; in 1 hour 40 minutes, 991 pounds; in 4 hours 35 minutes, 987 pounds, and in 5 hours 20 minutes, 987 pounds. The set was then found to be 0.007 inch under the weight of the bar itself.

Restoring the last observed load, the deflection was 0.0991 inch, and the original load of 1003 pounds increased it to 0.1003 inch.

A second trial of the same bar under a load of 1603 pounds gave a deflection of 0.2548 inches, and a set on removal of 0.1091 inch. Restoring the load, the deflection became 0.287 inch, and the resistance to flexion decreased in 6 hours 3 minutes from 1603 to 1457 pounds, at which latter time the set was found to be 0.1451 inch. Restoring the load of 1457 pounds, the deflection was 0.2863 inch, and the original load, 1603 pounds, being brought upon it, its deflection increased to 0.3016 inch, an increase nearly 20 per cent. above the original deflection.

In the first trial the loss of stiffness, as measured by the decrease of effort of the bar to straighten itself, and which is taken to measure the rate of set, is seen to have been nearly proportional to the time at first, becoming constant after 4½ hours. On the second trial, after a considerable set produced by a heavy load, the set became constant after about one hour, and so remained to the end of the trial.

No. 655 was a bar of Queensland tin, received from the commissioner of that country at the Centennial Exhibition, and which was found to be remarkably pure. A load of 100 pounds gave a deflection of 0.2109 inch, and produced a set of 0.1753 inch. The same load restored, deflected the bar 0.2415 inch, which deflection being retained, the effort to regain the original shape decreased in 1 minute from 100 to 70 pounds, in 3 minutes to 62, and in 8 minutes to 56 pounds. The original load of 100 pounds then brought the deflection to 0.3083 inch, nearly 50 per cent. more than at first.

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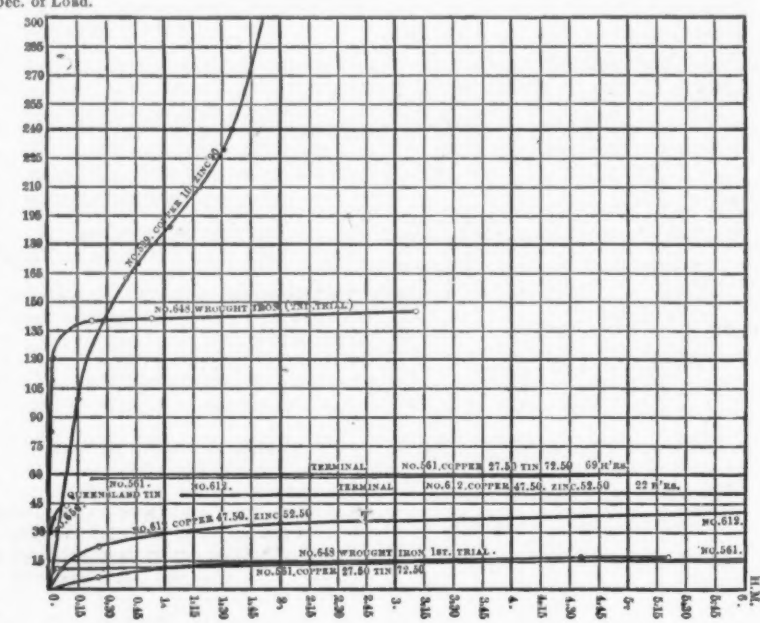


PLATE I.—DECREASE OF RESISTANCE WITH TIME IN TRANSVERSE TESTS OF BARS OF METAL.—RATE OF SET OF BARS, 1 INCH SQUARE, 22 INCHES BETWEEN SUPPORTS.

A bar, No. 509, of copper-zinc alloy, similarly tested, deflected 0.5309 inch under 1233 pounds, and took a set of 0.2736 inch after being held at that deflection 15 minutes, the effort falling, meantime, to 1137 pounds. Restoring the load of 1137 pounds, the deflection became 0.5131 inch, and the original load of 1233 pounds brought it to 0.5456 inch. The bar was now held at this deflection and the set gradually took place, the effort falling in 15 minutes to 1133 pounds—4 per cent. more than at the first observation—in 22 minutes to 1093, in 46 minutes to 1063, in 63 minutes to 1043, in 91½ minutes to 1003, and in 118 minutes to 911 pounds; at which last strain the bar broke 3 minutes later, the deflection remaining unchanged up to the instant of fracture. This remarkable case has already been referred to in an earlier paper, when treating of the effect of time in producing variation of resistance and of the elastic limit.

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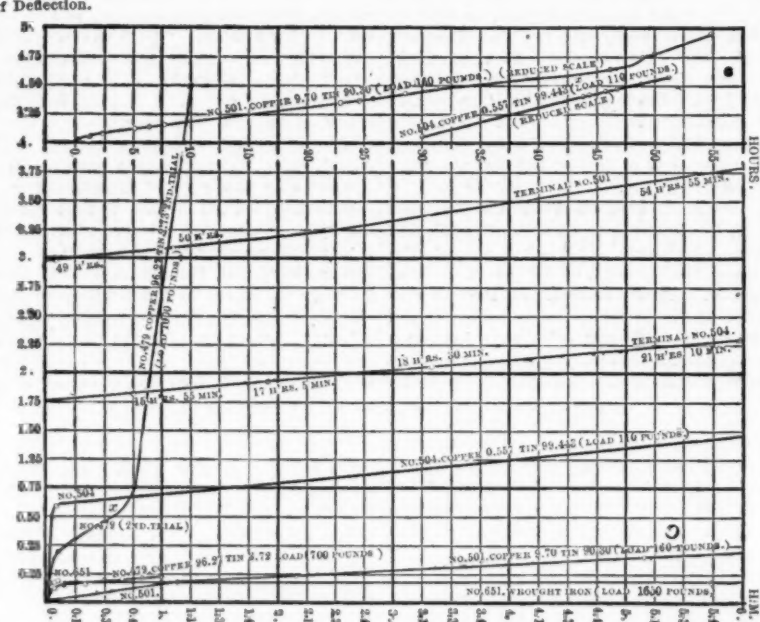


PLATE II.—INCREASE OF DEFLECTION WITH TIME IN TRANSVERSE TESTS OF BARS OF METAL.—RATE OF SET OF BARS, 1 INCH SQUARE, 22 INCHES BETWEEN SUPPORTS.

Nos. 561, copper-tin, and 612, copper-zinc, were compositions which behaved quite similarly to the iron bar at its first trial, the set apparently becoming nearly complete in the first after 1 hour, and in the second after 3 or 4 hours.

In all of these metals, the set and the loss of effort to resume the original form, were phenomena requiring time for their progress, and in all, except in the case of No. 509—which was loaded heavily—the change gradually became less and less rapid, tending constantly toward a maximum.

So far as the observation of the experimenter had extended, the latter is always the case under light loads. As heavier loads are added, and the maximum resistance of the material is approached, the change continues to progress longer, and, as in the case of the brass above described, it may progress so far as to produce rupture, when the load becomes heavy, if the metal does not belong to the "iron-class." The

brass broke under a stress 25 per cent. less than it had actually sustained previously.

There is no evidence that iron or steel ever exhibit this treacherous behavior; but, on the contrary, they seem always to carry a load once borne, however near the maximum it may be. This difference is here quite as marked as in the experiments previously reported, upon the elevation and the depression of the elastic limit by strain; and no one can fail to note the value in construction of this quality of that metal, which is the chief reliance of the engineer in nearly every branch of his art. These principles will find numberless applications in the practice of every member of the engineering profession.

SEC. II. In the first section the investigator presented results of an investigation made to determine the time required to produce "set" in metals belonging to the two typical classes, which exhibit, the one an exaltation and the other a depression of the elastic limit under strain.

preceding. The accompanying record and the strain diagrams (Plate II), which are its graphical representation, will assist our readers in comprehending the method of research and its results.

No. 651 was of wrought iron from the same bar with No. 648, already described. This specimen subsequently gave way under a load of 2587 pounds. Its rate of set was determined at about 60 per cent. of its ultimate resistance, or at 1600 pounds. Its deflection, starting at 0.459 inch, increased in the first minute 0.1047; in the second minute, 0.036; in the third minute, 0.0125; in the fourth minute, 0.0088; in the fifth minute, 0.0063, and in the sixth minute, 0.0031 inch, the total deflections being 0.5037, 0.6197, 0.6522, 0.641, 0.6473, and 0.6504 inch. In the succeeding ten minutes the deflection only increased 0.0094 inch, or to 0.6598 inch, and remained at that point without increasing so much as 0.0001 inch, although the load was allowed to remain 344 minutes untouched. The bar had evidently taken a permanent set, and it would probably have remained at that deflection indefinitely, and have been perfectly free from liability to fracture for any length of time.

This bar finally yielded completely under a load of 2589 pounds, deflecting 4.67 inches.

No. 479 was a copper bar containing 3½ per cent. of tin. Its behavior may be taken as typical of that of the whole "tin-class" of metals, as the preceding illustrates the behavior of the "iron-class" under heavy loads. It was subjected to two trials, the one under a load of 700 and the other of 1000 pounds, and broke under the latter load, after having sustained it 1½ hours. The behavior of this bar will be considered especially interesting, if its record and strain diagram are compared with those of No. 509, previously given, which latter specimen broke after 121 minutes when held at a constant deflection of 0.5456 inch; its resistance gradually falling from an initial amount of 1233 pounds to 911 pounds at the instant before breaking.

This bar, No. 479, was loaded with 700 pounds "dead weight," and at once deflected 0.441 inch. The deflection increased 0.118 inch in the first 5 minutes, 0.024 in the second 5 minutes, 0.018 in the second 10 minutes, 0.17 in the fourth, 0.013 in the fifth, and 0.008 inch in the sixth 10 minute period, the total set increasing from 0.441 to 0.65 inch. The strain diagram (Plate II) shows that at the termination of this trial the deflection was regularly increasing. The load was then removed and the set was found to be 0.524 inch, the bar springing back 0.126 inch on removal of the weight.

The bar was again loaded with 1000 pounds. The first deflection which could be caught and measured was 3.115 inches, and the increase at first followed the parabolic law noted in the preceding cases, but quickly became accelerated; this sudden change of law is well shown by the strain diagram. The new rate of increase continued until fracture actually occurred at the end of 1½ hours, and at a deflection of 4.506 inches.

This bar was of very different composition from No. 509; it is a member of the "tin-class," however, and it is seen, by examining their strain diagrams, that these specimens, tested under radically different conditions, both illustrate the peculiar characteristics of the class, by similarly exhibiting its treacherous nature.

No. 504 was a bar of tin containing about 0.6 per cent. of copper—the opposite end of the scale—and exhibited precisely similar behavior, taking a set of 0.333 inch under 110 pounds and steadily giving way and deflecting uninterruptedly until the trial ended, at the end of 1270 minutes—over 21 hours. This bar subsequently was, by a maximum stress of 130 pounds, rapidly broken down to a deflection of 8.11 inches.

No. 501 presents the finest illustration yet entered in the record book of the Mechanical Laboratory of the Stevens Institute of Technology. The test extended over nearly 2½ days under observation, and then left for the night, was found next morning broken. The time of fracture is therefore unknown, as is the ultimate deflection. The record is, however, sufficient to determine the law, and the strain diagram (Plate II) is seen to be similar to that of the second test of No. 479, exhibiting the same tendency to the parabolic shape and the same change of law and reversal of curvature preceding final rupture, and it illustrates even more strikingly the fact that this class of metals is not safe against final rupture, even though the load may have borne a considerable time, and have apparently been shown by actual test, to be capable of sustaining it. A strain diagram of each of the latter two bars is exhibited on a reduced scale, to present to the eye more strikingly this important characteristic.

A comparison of the strain diagrams with those of Section I, in illustration of the behavior of the two classes of metals under constant deflection, is most instructive. The light thus thrown upon the phenomena of distortion and fracture may be of great service to all who are engaged in construction. It will be necessary to make many experiments to determine under what fraction of their ultimate resistance to rapidly applied and removed loads, the members of the "tin-class"—the viscous metals—will be safe under static permanent loads. Their behavior under shocks of various intensities remains also to be determined. The most probable and most satisfactory conclusion which seems likely to be finally reached is, perhaps, that the "iron-class" of metals are capable of carrying indefinitely any dead load which they have once borne, and that, in some manner—by the relief of internal strain, as suggested by Prof. Thurston, or by some other process—their rest under a load renders them, as time goes on, more and more safe under that load.

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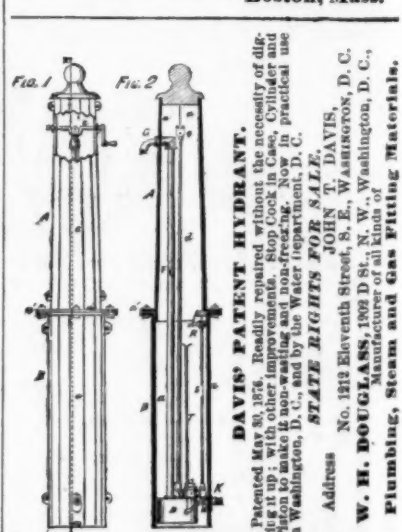
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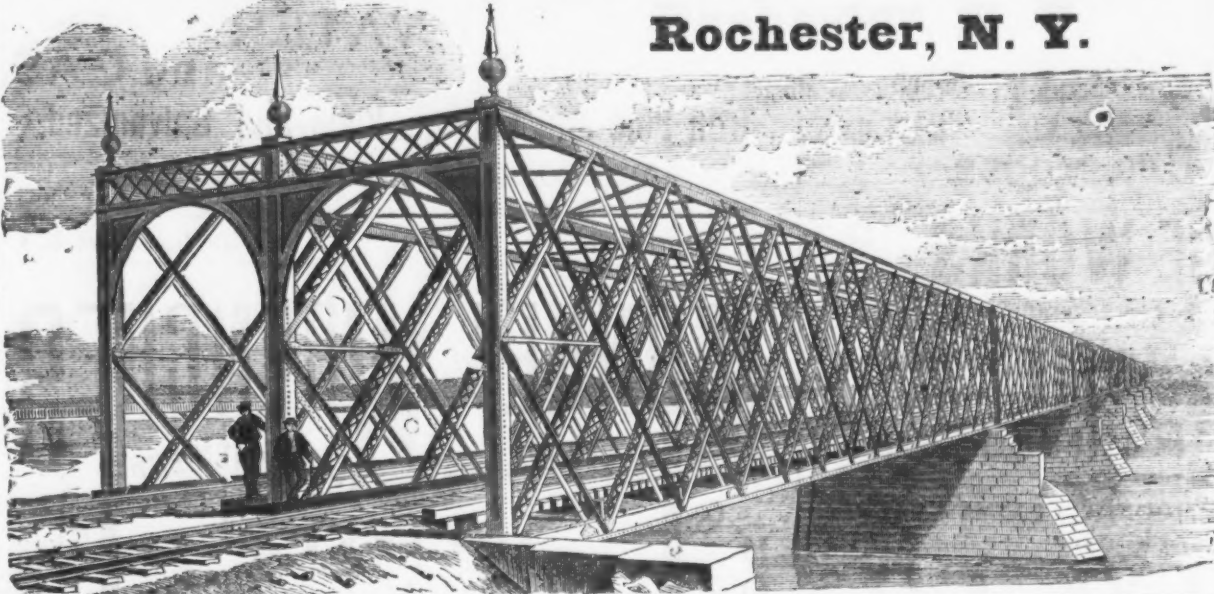


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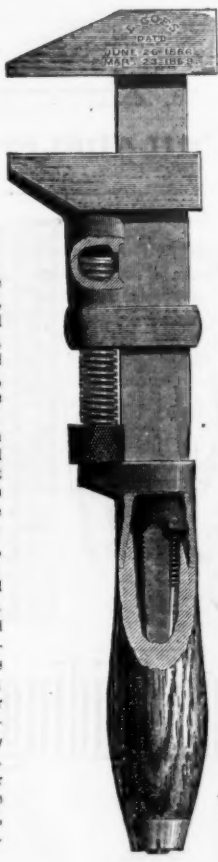
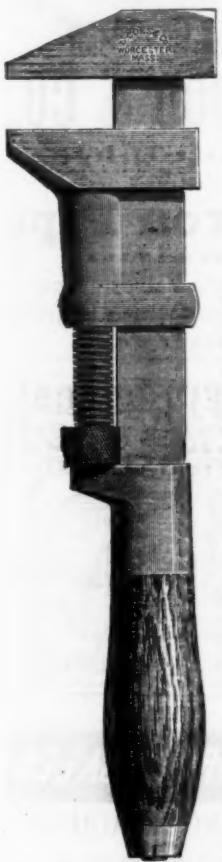
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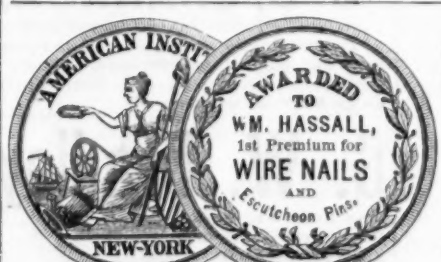
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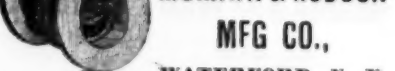
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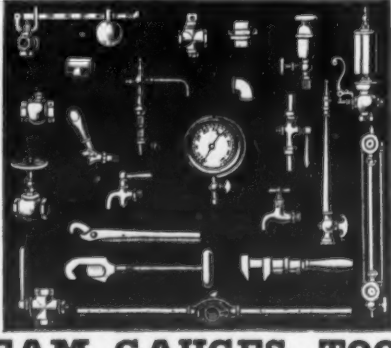
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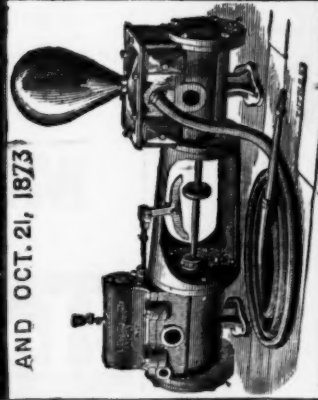
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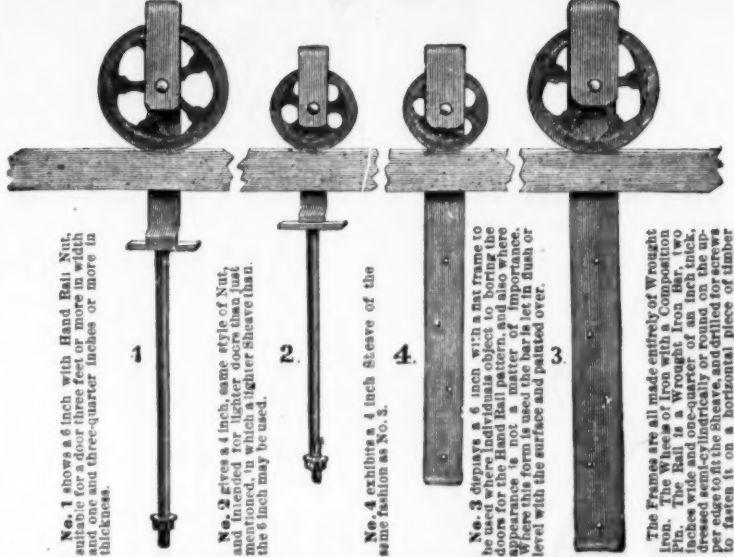
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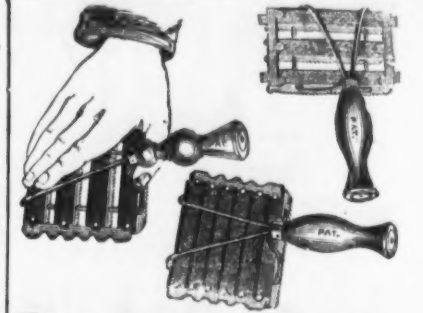
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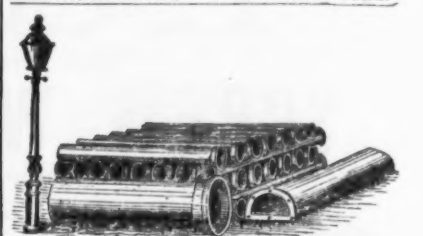
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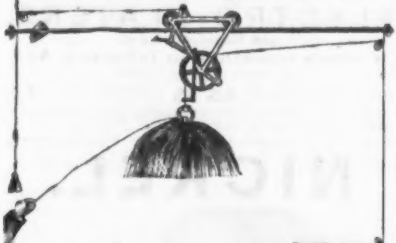
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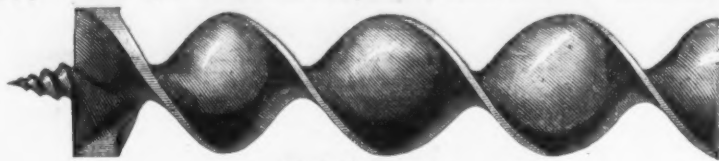
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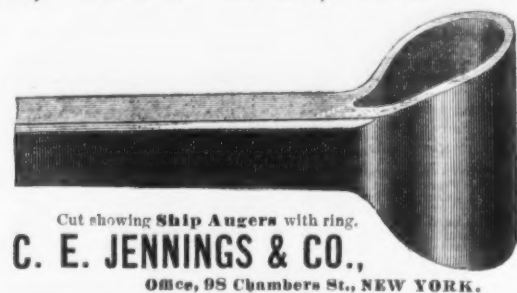
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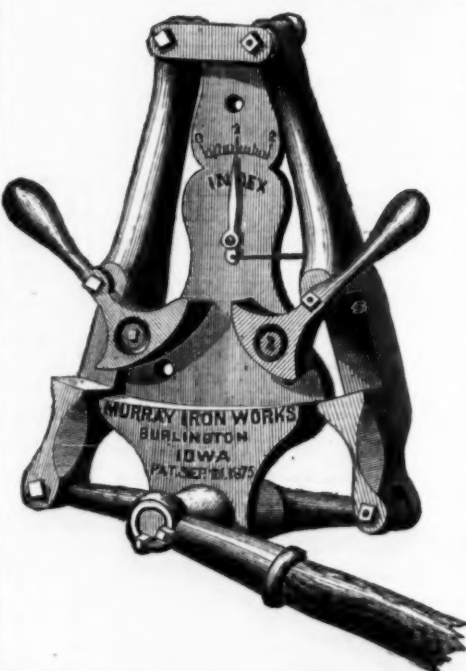
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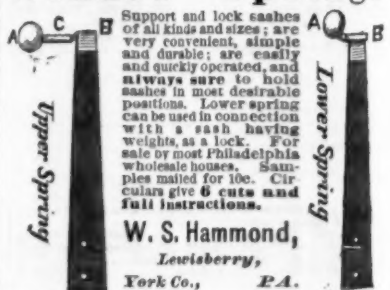
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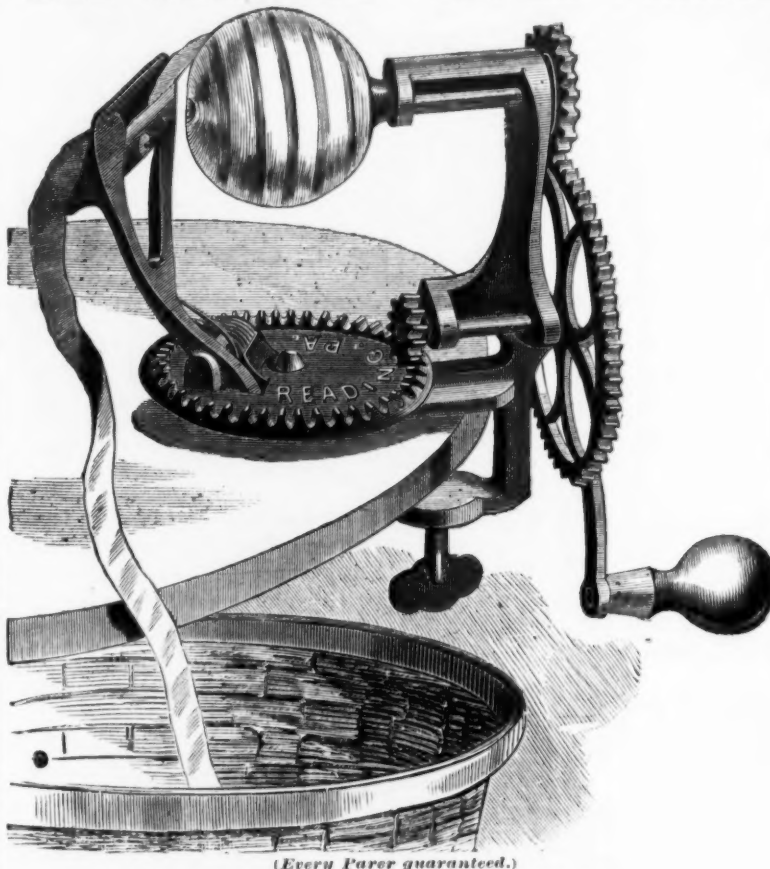
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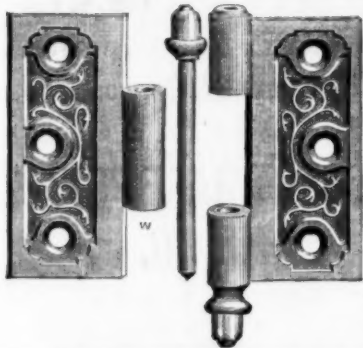
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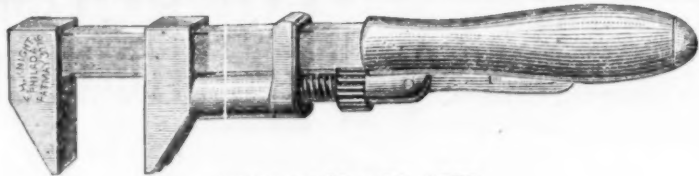
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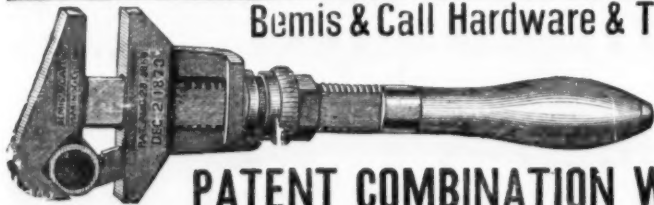
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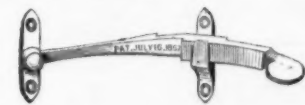
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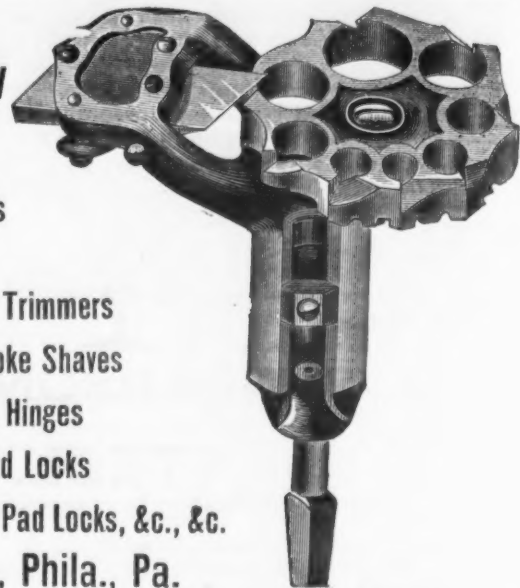
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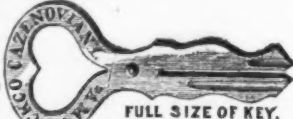
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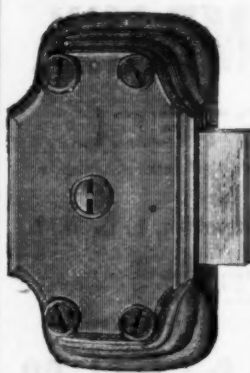
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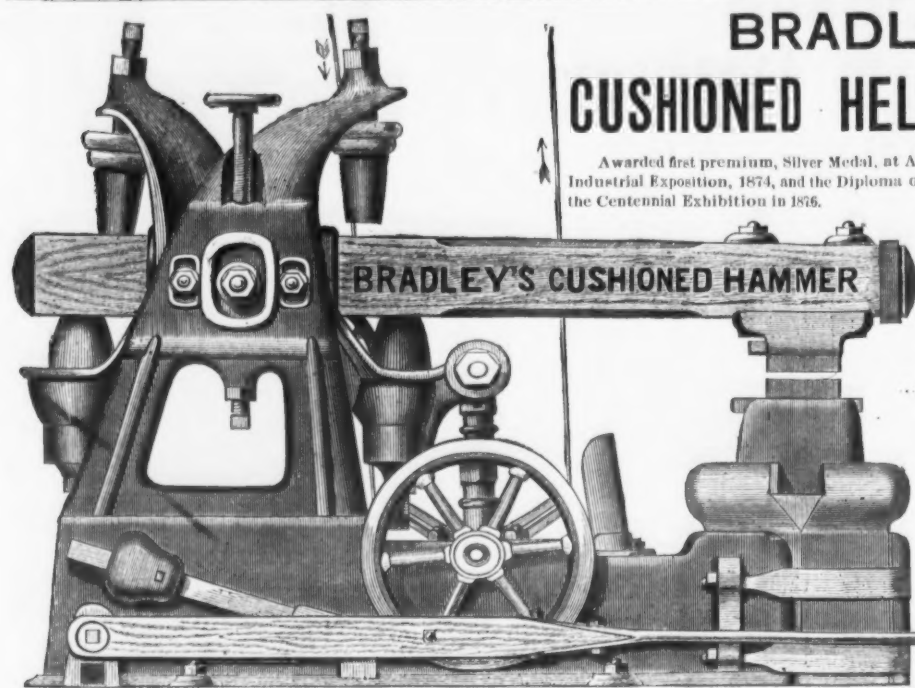
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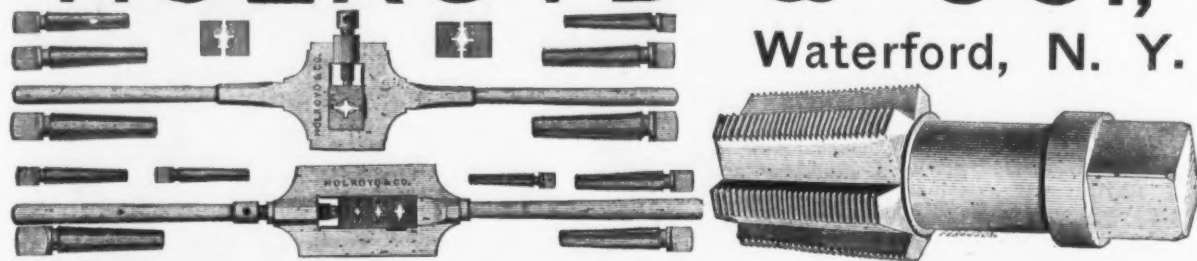
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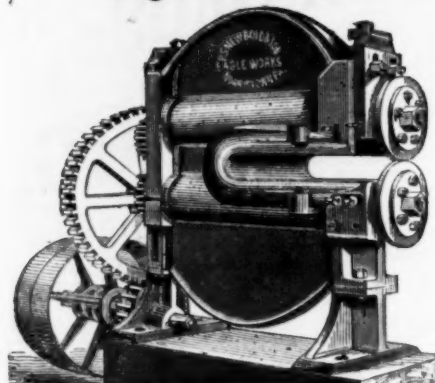
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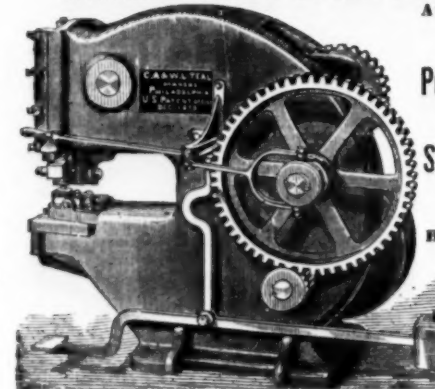
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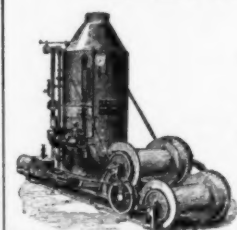
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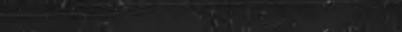
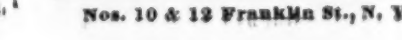
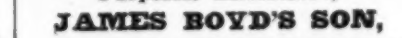
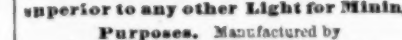
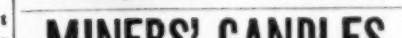
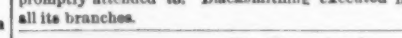
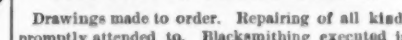
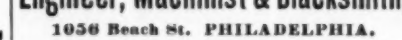
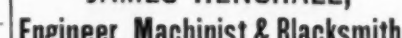
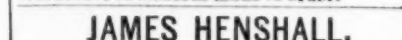
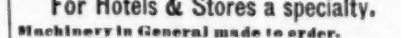
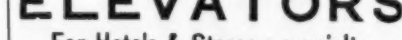
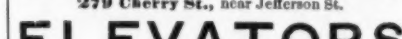
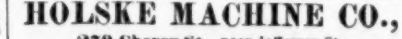
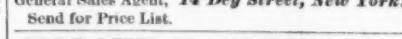
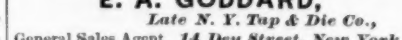
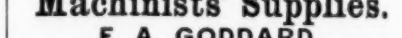
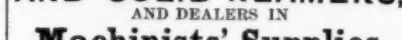
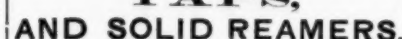
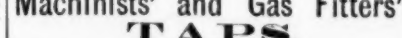
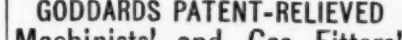
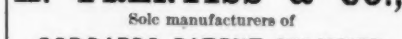
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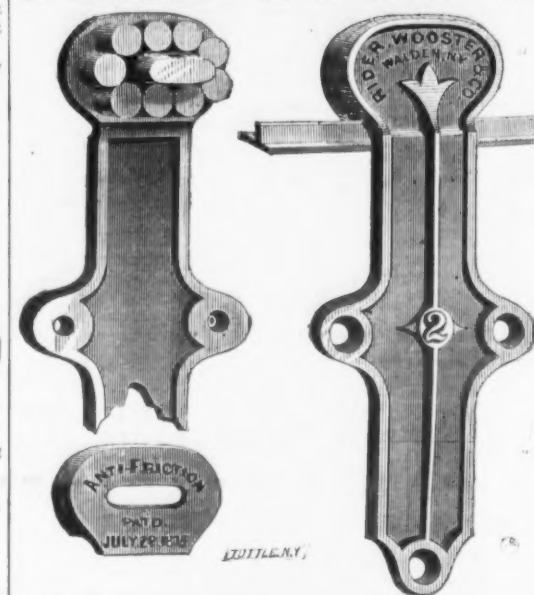


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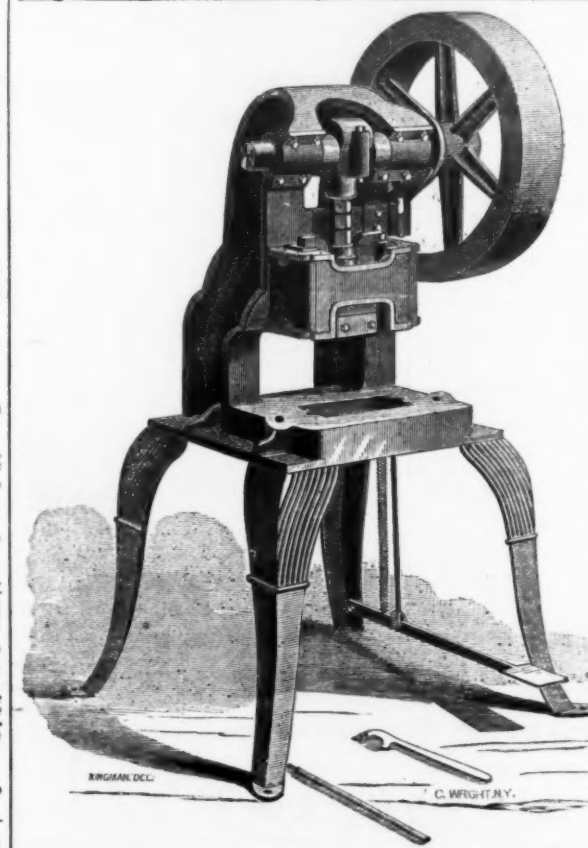
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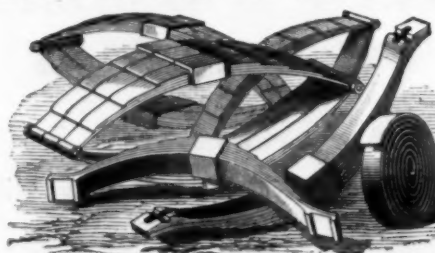
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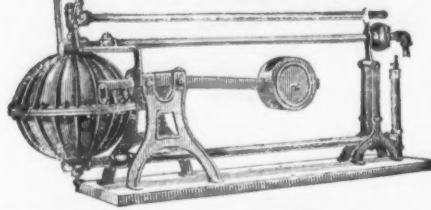
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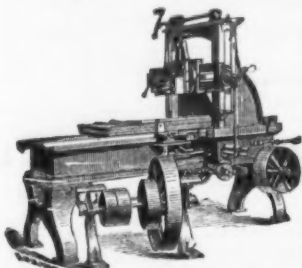
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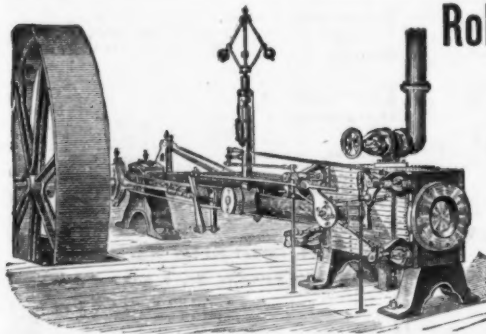
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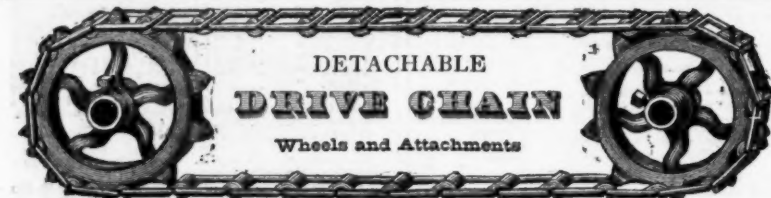
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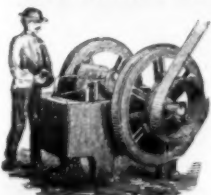


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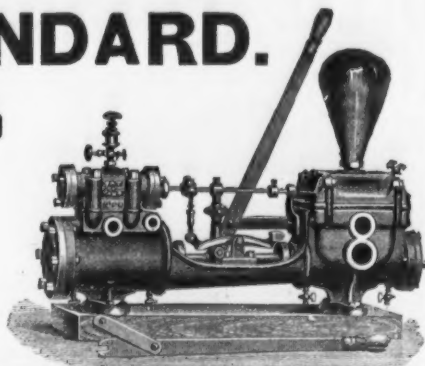
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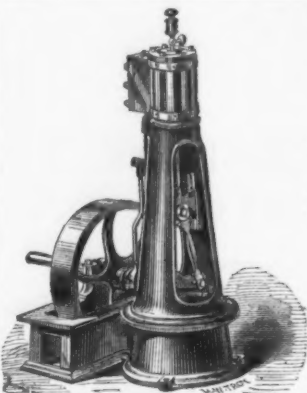
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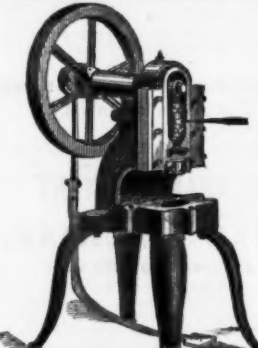
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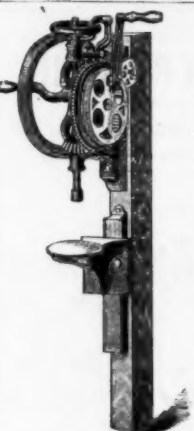
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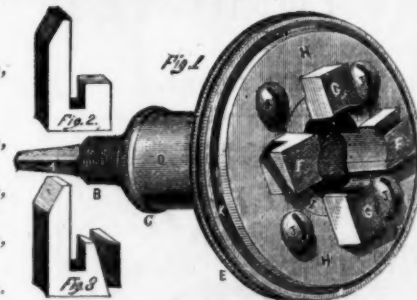
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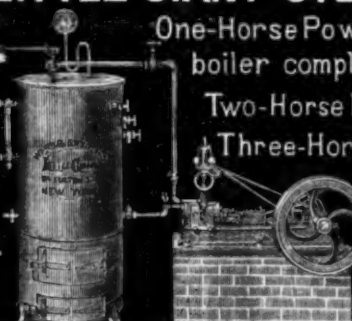
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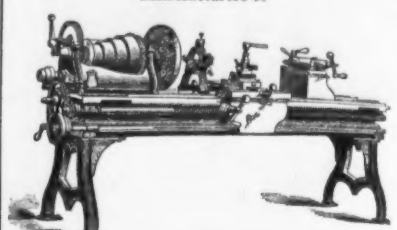
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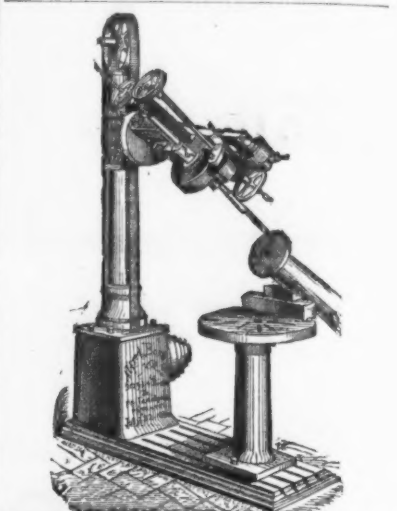
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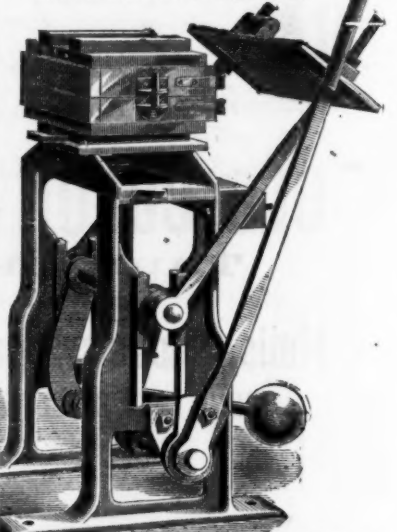
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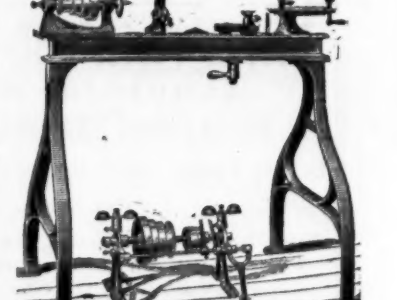
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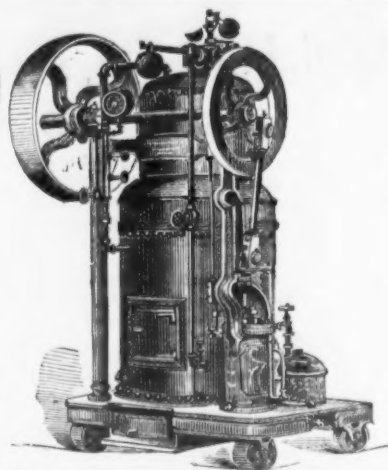
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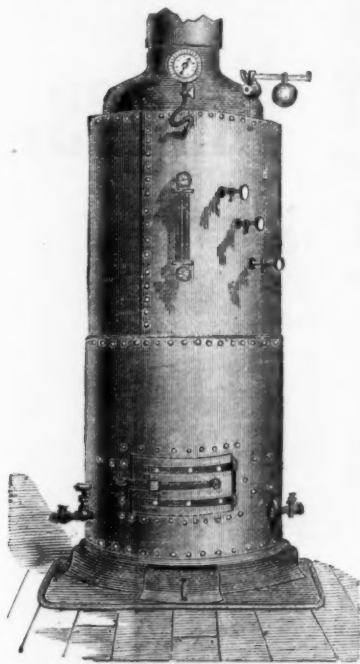
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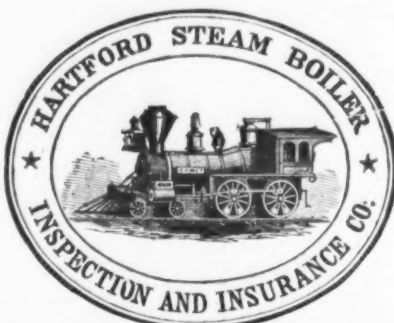
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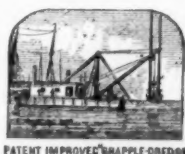
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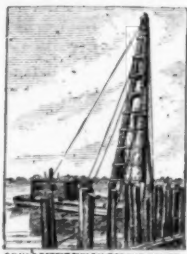
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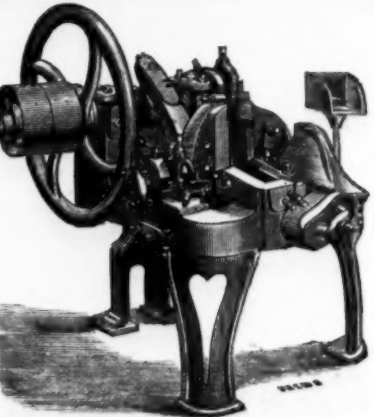
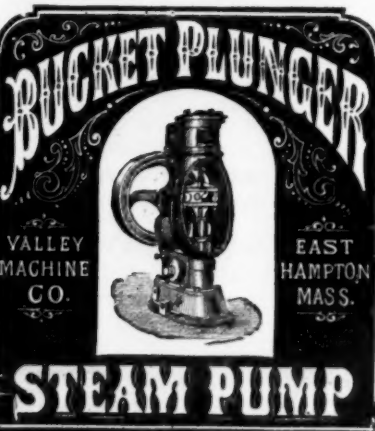
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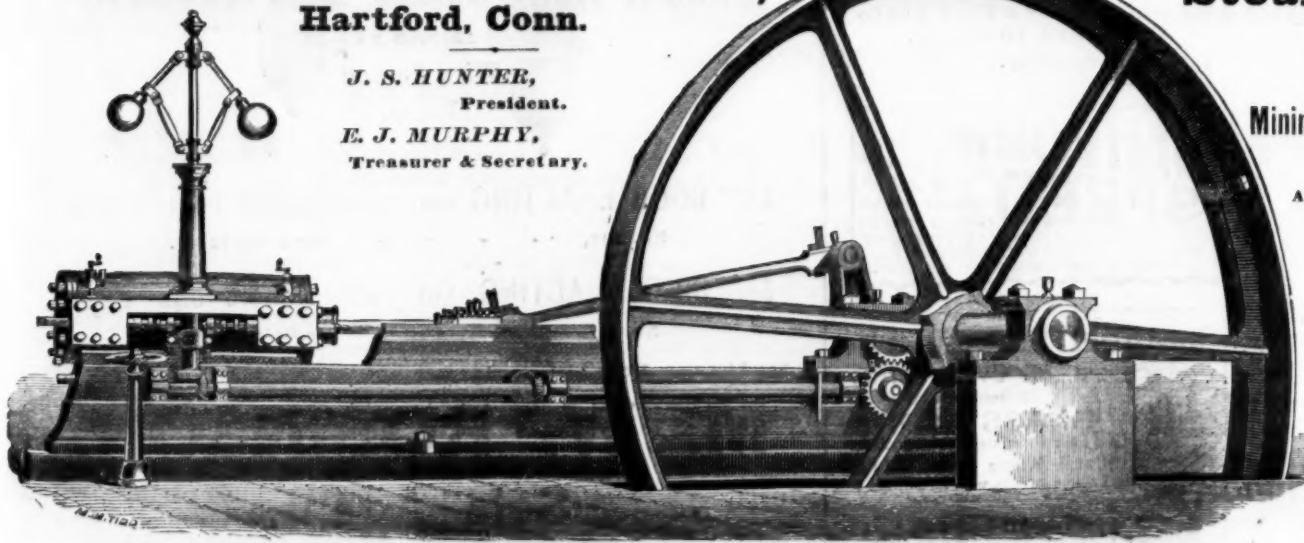
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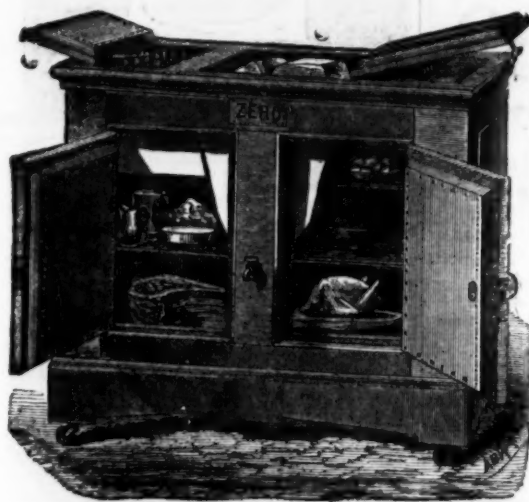


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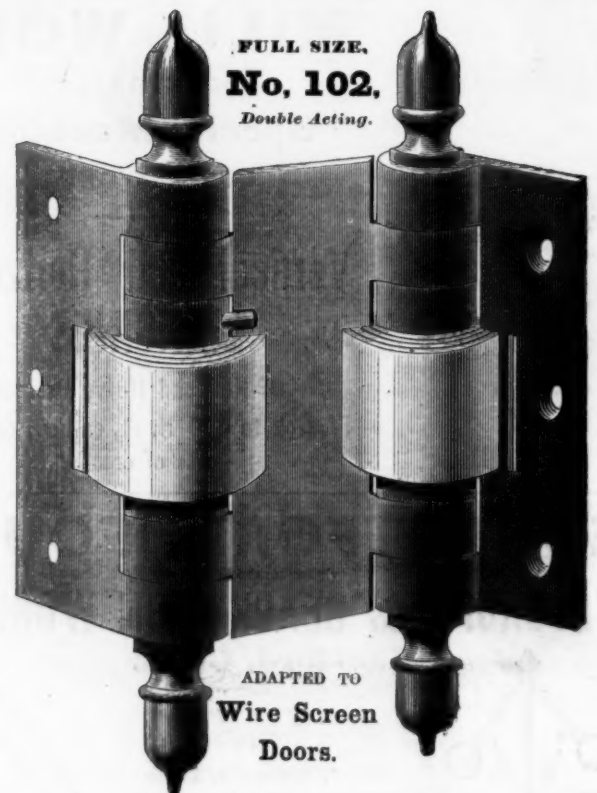
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